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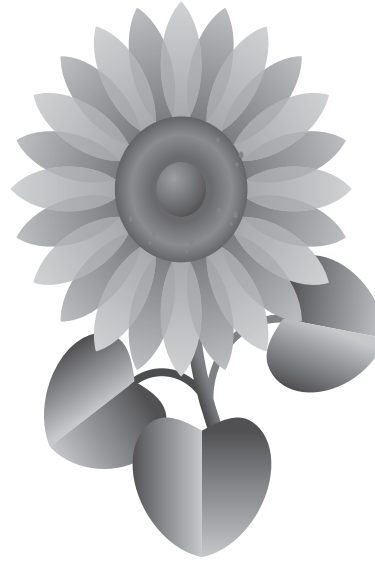
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The virus is giving us a chance to reflect

Well it's been a most unusual week with all the changes to our normal activities. Restaurants, bars, theaters, gyms, beaches, and other social gathering places have been closed to help blunt the curve they say. I'm sure it is going to work here because we've seen it work in China and South Korea already. However, we especially need the complete cooperation of those living in the big cities. I believe the rural towns are complying quite well, but it doesn't look like everyone gets it in the more populated areas. I've been trying hard to wrap my mind around this whole Covid-19 situation, and I think I finally have a pretty knowledgeable perspective on it.

First of all, the virus isn't any more deadly than the flu, but since it is such a fast spreader and since the symptoms are so delayed that people were going about their normal



By **SCOTT CERNEK**
Columnist

activities causing it to spread very rapidly. Because of this it has the potential to infect a much larger number of people than the flu would. Here's probably the most important reason we need to stop moving around, if larger numbers of people are infected all at once, our hospitals would become overrun and we would have a horrible situation on our hands like they do in Italy. In Italy, there's not enough health care facilities or workers to take care of everyone who is showing symptoms, and so many more are dying. The other things

about Italy is that some 60 percent of the population smokes and it has the second oldest population of any country in the world. The oldest population being Japan. Since older people and those with compromised lungs and immune systems are more susceptible to the virus, they are losing more people than anywhere else.

There you have it, my take on the affairs in the world. If we can keep from spreading the virus so fast we should also be able to build up a little "herd immunity" and then when it reaches the rest of us over the next couple of years, it won't be that big a deal.

It is truly amazing how things can sure change in an instant like they did here in this country. The playing field has been somewhat leveled again as the stock market has taken such a hit in the past couple of weeks. We may

have started to trust a little too much in our prosperity. When it's all said and done the important thing is that God wants us to care about the things He cares about more than our money. And what does God care about you ask?

God cares about how much integrity and love we display in our lives. He cares about how humble and thankful we are for all the wondrous blessings He has given us. Blessings like our senses and the systems that work inside our body to give us strength and health so we can enjoy a million other blessings. He also cares about how much we love Him and what we have done with His son, Jesus and the sacrifice of love He made on the cross of Calvary. In II Corinthians 5:21 we read this pertaining to Jesus; God made Him who knew no sin, to become sin

for us that we might become the righteousness of God.

You see Jesus' life, death and resurrection guarantees that God is who the Bible says He is. The Bible starts talking about the Messiah's sacrifice for our sins hundreds of years before it all came true. What's cool is that our loving heavenly Father is pursuing us to give us the greatest gift, eternal life. He won't force us to submit to Him, but He will never stop pursuing us in love. Won't you turn to Him today and receive this gift by believing in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you take this step of faith, you will receive eternal life and a hunger to know God more. You will want to read His word too which helps you to grow strong in your newfound faith. I hope you will receive Him today. What have you got to lose?

Until next week, God bless you all!

Slices of life

My dad left school after the eighth grade to help out on the family farm. I don't know for sure but I'm guessing all of his five brothers did the same. His seven sisters as well. Graduating from high school wasn't a given in those days - especially if your dad needed help on the farm.

I've been going through some of my dad's belongings as he's downsizing from a large home to assisted living. Most items don't require much of my time or attention. But hidden within have been a few gems.

I thought I had my dad figured out. Most daughters probably do. He was the guy who went to work

More ways to be a hero



By **JILL PERTLER**
Contributor

every day. Came home, cracked a beer occasionally and then sat down to dinner. He could fix anything. If he hadn't fixed a particular item before, he figured it out and came up with some sort of solution - even if it involved duct tape and a couple extra screws.

He didn't talk much (at all) about

feelings or emotions. He got up early in the morning. He made us pancake breakfasts on Saturdays. He pondered over the Sunday paper every week. Still does. He liked a good joke and a good poker game.

But I didn't see much beneath that. He was my dad; it was as simple as that.

As I alluded to earlier, graduating from high school wasn't always as common as it is today. Schools must have recognized this because my dad had a "diploma" for graduating junior high school after finishing eighth grade. I know because he's kept it all these years. It was in with his most important papers.

He left school at age 14. Again, this wasn't uncommon. It didn't make him a victim. It just was what it was. After helping out on the farm, doing various jobs, serving in the military, and returning home again to work, he was a young man looking toward a bright future. He met my mom and they began dating and eventually married.

And then, this farm boy, military veteran, and recipient of the Purple Heart did something unexpected, but I think heroic. At the age of 29 - 15 years after graduating from the eighth grade and leaving school - he returned to complete his GED. And he did. The document was also with his most important papers.

Seeing his GED made me pause and swallow hard. I wasn't aware he had it. I thought he'd left school after eighth grade and that was it. And that would have been okay.

But it wasn't okay with him. He must have sat on that concept for more than a decade. That he wasn't

done with school. He wasn't satisfied. For him eighth grade wasn't enough.

So he went back. After 15 years he went back to reading, writing, math, and bookwork. I'm sure it wasn't easy. He has always been a work-with-your-hands type of guy. But for whatever reason, it was important to him. So he did it.

I never knew this about him. I'm glad I do now. Although I already knew he has always been more than a hard worker - definitely a 110 percent type of guy. Although I already knew this, the idea that he went back to finish something he felt was important, elevates him even more in my eyes. I already knew he was a hero. This just cements it.

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Is the Coronavirus mostly a pandemic of fear?

By Harold Pease, Ph. D
COLUMNIST

By the time this column is published we will be ending our third week of isolation denied the privilege of attending church, social and athletic events as the Wuhan China Virus spreads across the country. Restaurants are closed as are entertainment areas and the only populated areas appear to be grocery stores. Schools and universities closed sending their children and students home. Airports and airplanes are virtually empty. It is eerie. President Donald Trump asked groups assembling not to exceed 10 persons to inhibit the spread of this unseen "killer."

What is most concerning is that last year 34,000 people died in the United States from the flu and the media outlets never said a word. Nor did they the year before, 2017-2018 season, when 61,000 died of the flu, likely a less number than will die of the coronavirus in the U.S. this flu season. Indeed it is estimated that 12,000-61,000 deaths occurred annually from the flu in the U.S. since 2010 ("This Is How Many People Die From the Flu Each Year, According to the CDC." By Claire Gillespie, Health, February 11, 2020).

Why is this a pandemic and those every year preceding it not also pandemics resulting in closing down the economy, air travel and schools? Why did the media not respond as hysterically to the H1N1 Swine Flu epidemic in 2009 under Barack Obama when it killed approximately 17,000 Americans - far more than the coronavirus is likely to kill? ("Swine flu has killed up to 17,000 in U.S.: report" Maggie Fox, February 12, 2010).

Is the establishment media responsible for this pandemic of fear? Not the disease, of course, new strains are expected, but the unprecedented 24/7 hype driving everyone into isolation potentially bringing about a recession just before a presidential election that can only hurt President Trump?

The Center for Disease Control, CDC, reported as of February 11, 2020, 13 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the

U.S. and no deaths. By March 25, 2020 that number was 60,881 total U.S. cases and 838 deaths so the spread in America is significant, and serious, but compared to previous years, not abnormal.

So what is the death rate? The UK places it between 0.5 percent and 1 percent and Germany "less than half a percent," also not comparatively abnormal (BBC News "Coronavirus death rate: What are the chances of dying?" By Robert Cuffe Head of Statistics, March 24, 2020).

The Atlantic in a March 22, article, "Red and blue America aren't experiencing the same pandemic," wrote of the "disconnect" between the two parties regarding the virus noting that "States with Republican governors have been slower, or less likely, than those run by Democrats to impose restrictions on their residents." They observed that the same also is so concerning rural versus urban communities.

But the real reason for the divide, not mentioned by the Atlantic, but noticed by virtually everyone on the right side of the political spectrum, centers on the establishment's intention to remove President Donald Trump from office at any cost, thus far short of assassination. This might include the politicization of a flu virus, heretofore taking thousands of Americans annually but hardly mentioned by the press - any press.

Republicans simply do not trust the establishment media. It has been behind nearly four years of constant coup attempts and was responsible for hyping this virus to panic levels before a single American had the virus, certainly before an American death from it.

Let's review these attempts. Three happened simultaneously before Trump took office. Spycat and the Trump Tower wiretapping, Demonstrations in cities all over the United States flared up, presumably funded by George Sores, to refuse the results of the 2016 election with signs "Not My President" and finally, the Republican "Never Trumper" movement erupted. Once inaugurated the effort to get someone in his administration to

declare him unfit so as to use the 25th Amendment to remove him followed. Then the Russia Hoax and the resultant 2 1/2 year Robert Mueller Investigation. This followed by disclosure of the FBI/CIA Coup attempt to unseat him, next the Ukrainian Hoax, followed by the failed Impeachment attempt. Nine easily documented attempts.

Trump endured four Congressional investigations, the Mueller and Horowitz Reports, each exonerated him, and the US Senate Impeachment trial acquitting him. Trump endured more unjustified opposition/persecution than all U.S. presidents combined.

All major news outlets: MSNBC, NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN, The Washington Post, The New York Times, and the affiliates of the above, supported all the attempts to destroy this president, thus totally destroying their credibility with the right side of the political spectrum. All pipe the same hate Trump rhetoric. All are globalist establishment media outlets. All favored Hillary Clinton in the 2016 Presidential Election. All have become the media arm of the Democratic Party. All panicked over the Wuhun China Virus piping only hysteria sending Americans into hoarding and hiding and potentially causing unemployment in the millions, perhaps to destroy the economy before the election.

So why shouldn't Republicans and Independents consider media overreaction, even weaponization, of the Wuhun China Virus, yet another coup attempt to unseat their president? Establishment Deep State coverage of him is hostile no matter what he does.

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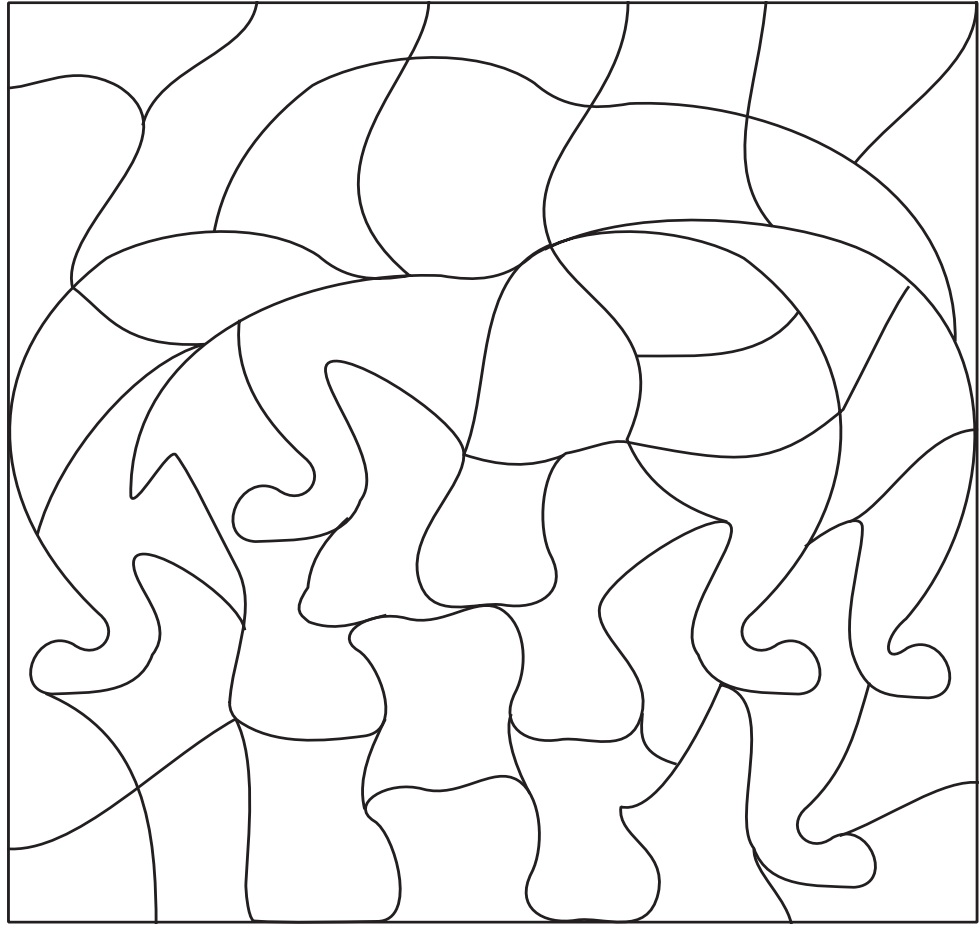
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Guess Who?

I am a professional wrestler and actor born in Massachusetts on April 23, 1977. I worked as a chauffeur while pursuing a career in bodybuilding. Although I'm not really a doctor, a previous nickname suggested I was.

Answer: John Cena

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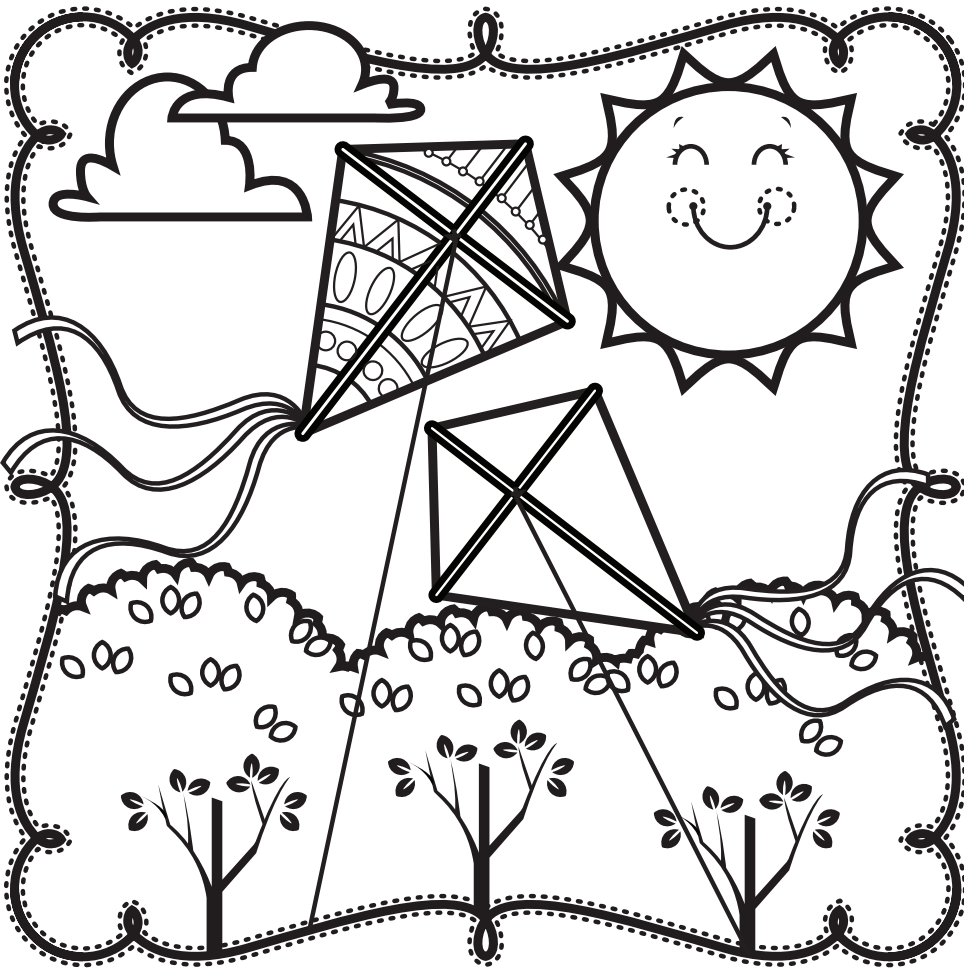
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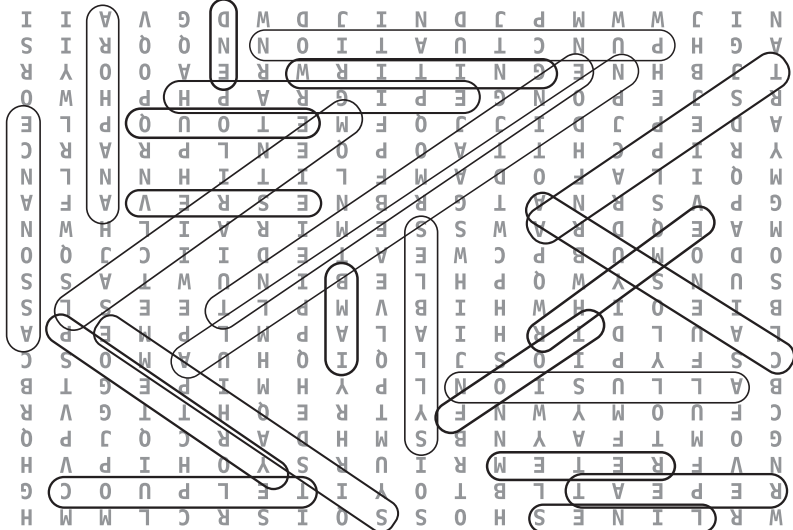
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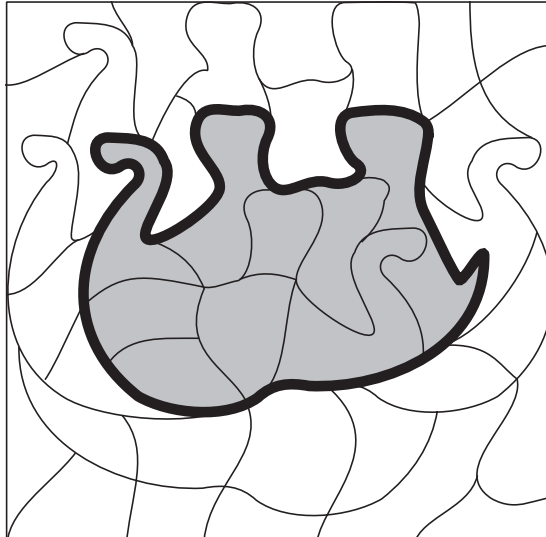


Answers

Word find:



Picture find:



Sudoku:

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6	7	3	9	1	2	5	8	4
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6	9	4	3	8	2	1	7	5
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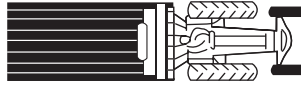
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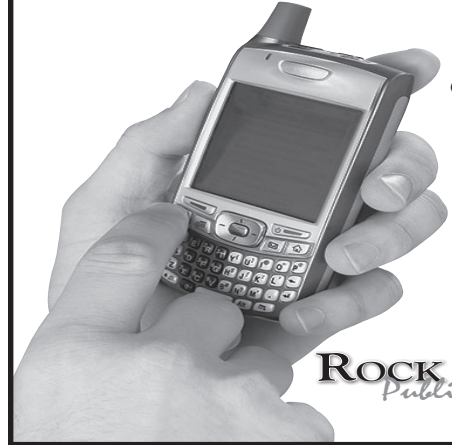
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March 13

Race St./Broad St. – wires down

March 14

8300 block of Mitchell Road – fire

alarm

March 15

9700 block of N. Alpine – fire alarm

March 16

10700 block of Meadow Sweet Lane – carbon monoxide alarm

11100 block of Forest Hills Road – fire alarm

1200 block of Turret Dr. – fire alarm

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March 18
 I-90 eastbound off West Lane Road – auto fire
March 20
 13900 block of Willowbrook Road – fire alarm
 5200 block of Elevator Road – lock-out
March 21
 6400 block of Edgewood Road – fire alarm

March 22
 14900 block of Lang Dr. – smoke alarm
 4800 block of Bluestem Road – water line broke
 10700 block of N. Second St. – fire alarm
March 23
 9200 block of Longfellow Lane – garage fire
March 24
 5400 block of Mahogany Lane – fire alarm
 McDonald/Sagehen – wires down
March 25
 10800 block of Main St. – gas odor
 6600 block of Argyle Road – controlled burn

5083 Granite St. – smoke/odor removal
March 3
 5275 Pebble Creek Trail – public assist
 4608 Interstate Blvd. – false alarm
March 4
 1200 Windsor Road – arcing, shorted electrical equipment
 6131 Park Ridge Road – assist medical – NPPFD ambulance
 6188 Valhalla Dr. – assist medical – AYS ambulance
 5733 Covey Ridge Trail – carbon monoxide alarm malfunction
March 5
 5120 Wil-Acre Dr. – assist medical – NPPFD ambulance
 Clifford Road/N. 2nd St. – moving vehicle accident with injuries
 2123 Winters Dr. – public service
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March 6
 1354 Clifford Ave. – false alarm
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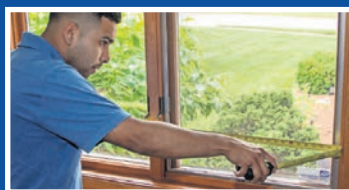


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Loves Park

March 15

100 Riverside – Willie E. Watson, 30, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and speeding

4001 Interstate Blvd. – Alexander A. Kiddell, 37, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle, driving under the influence of alcohol, and improper lane usage

Forest Hills/Pepper – Dominic P. Colombi, 23, on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol (over .08), and improper lane usage

5093 Woodlake Dr. – Jack M. Abudayeh, 46, on charges of an in-state warrant

March 20

6224 N. 2nd St. – Beth K. Beach, 38, on charges of retail theft

Machesney Park

March 15

Harlem Road/Hwy. 251 – Delaney G. Latham, 20, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle, speeding, and a Rockford PD warrant

March 17

9612 Plymouth Pl. – David A. Morgan, 43, on charges of attempt to locate/foreign warrant

March 18

1548 West Lane Road – Sara A. Miller, 21, on charges of retail theft

1548 West Lane Road – Joseph L. Dungan, 50, on charges of retail theft

9606 Forest Hills Road – Tyler A. Bowe, 22, on charges of forgery

March 20

1600 West Lane Road – Andrew A. Waters, 32, on charges of retail theft and trespass to land

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