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# Family & Marriage

## WHY WE CANNOT BACK DOWN IN MINNEAPOLIS

By Bill Connor

Over the past week, the number one news story has not been the thousands of Iranians who have died in what appears to be a heading to an overthrow of the half-century Iranian regime. It has not been about world changing positive consequences for America after the successful exfiltration of Maduro and his wife from Venezuela. Instead, the mainstream media has deluged us with the various videos and opinions of the shooting death of Renee Good. I'm not going to write about whether the shooting was justified, as we have seen the videos and this will be investigated. Renee Good was restricting ICE operations and therefore ordered out of his car. She refused to get out, despite

an ICE agent's arm inside her vehicle and she gunned her vehicle forward towards another ICE agent. In what appears to be self-defense, the agent fires at Good. This who situation is tragic all the way around, but the hyperbolic react against ICE goes well beyond this shooting. Immediately after the shooting, Mayor Jacob Frey, who oversaw the ignition of the 2020 Antifa/BLM rioting, not only called the ICE agent a murdered, but told ICE to "get the f.ck out of Minneapolis". Governor Tim Walz, who is up to his neck with financial fraud investigations, used similar word and even claimed he didn't have faith in the FBI investigation of the shooting. The key thing to understand is that Democrats see what's happening with ICE as a threat to



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their power base and want it stopped. ICE must not stop enforcement in Minneapolis.

Around a decade ago, Joe Biden was following a common theme of Democrats when he spoke about immigration: (it should be) "an unrelenting stream of immigration, non-stop, nonstop... Folks like me who are Caucasian, of European descent, for the first time in 2017 we'll be an absolute minority in the United States of America, absolute minority... and that's a good thing" <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/flashback-joe-biden-constant-unrelenting-immigration> Biden proved these beliefs after being elected with his complete malfeasance on the Southern Border throughout his Presidency. Trump won the 2024 election campaigning primarily on closing the southern border and deporting illegal immigrants, which polls showed the majority of Americans wanted. Biden had to know his views about "an unrelenting stream of immigration" in America were political and not historical. In the early 20th century, America allowed immigration of a substantial number of southern and East-

ern Europeans to the primarily British and Northern European stock of Americans. To get control, the 1924 Immigration Act cut immigration to a trickle and this continued for the next four decades. Our leaders purposely wanted to Americanize these immigrants, as they knew demographic upheaval can be death to a nation.

For years, Democrats have demonized conservatives who repeat their plans for demographic upheaval. They have called this the "great replacement conspiracy theory", despite the many statements from Democrats like Biden endorsing a massive flow of illegal immigration of those they assume will vote Democrat. In June, Speaker Mike Johnson noted the following about legislation to prevent illegal aliens in Washington DC from voting. "Only American citizens should decide the outcome of American elections. Yet the D.C. City Council has made it clear they actually want noncitizens and even foreign actors to have an equal

say in choosing a mayor and other local public officials in our nation's capital. As the constitutional authority overseeing the District, House Republicans stand firm against this un-American decision which undermines the rule of law and the core principles of our republic." The vast majority of the Democrats voted against keeping illegal aliens from voting in DC. Whether or not illegal aliens can vote, their presence in blue areas (illegal migrants tend to urban blue areas) gives more Congressional representation to Democrats. From Heritage: "Congressional and Electoral College apportionment is based on the number of residents, as determined by the Census. Currently, Census includes illegal aliens and other noncitizens as residents. Consequently, a state can gain extra congressional districts and representation in Congress thanks to the presence of a large population that isn't legally allowed to vote." <https://www.heritage.org/border-security/commentary/stop-allowing-noncitizens-determine-congressional-and-presidential>

Shortly after the Trump administration began following the will of the American people in deporting illegal aliens (starting with the most dangerous criminals) Democratic areas began rioting. Lost Angeles, Portland, Seattle, Chicago, etc.

## Do Things Together

*"To find someone who will love you for no reason, and to show-er that person with reasons, that is the ultimate happiness."*  
- Robert Braut

*"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."* - Bible (Ephesians 4:2)

We're a month into the new year, now. How are you doing with your New Year's goals? Maybe you didn't set any, or maybe you were conservative and set a few relatively easy goals. I set a couple simple ones, and so far, I'm keeping them - when I can remember. By the way, that's one of my goals - to remember my goals.

How about as a couple, or maybe just in regard to your relationship with others close to you? It's hard to break those old habits, to break some new ground in life. But we can do it, if we really want to, and especially with God's help. Life, and marriage in particular, can grow stagnant and dull if some effort isn't put into its upkeep.

Mollie and Mike Donghia, in their blog "This Evergreen Home," suggest some habits that might help improve our relationships.

1. Pray regularly. Do this individually and together. The emphasis here is on married (or soon-to-be married) couples, but in my experience, it also helps to pray with friends, especially when dealing with difficult issues. If your spouse doesn't want to pray, that might be an indication of concerns in the relationship, perhaps needing attention. It also helps to remember that the relationships aren't just horizontal; we have God and His Son,

Jesus, who care. We have the Holy Spirit to guide us.

2. Rise early, maybe even before the sun. Which isn't too difficult these winter days - the sun is not an early riser. Spend some time meditating, reading the Bible or other motivational literature. Get some new ideas or maybe reinforce those you already have. Consider some small and seemingly insignificant action that can help you move in the right direction. Even if you're not a morning person, there's something about starting off the day with a little preparation beforehand.

3. Keep promises, even small ones. Remember the story of the war that was lost because of the loss of a nail in the commander's horseshoe? We may think that our promise to take out the garbage doesn't matter, but it does. If our spouse is not sure about the small promises, the big ones then become questionable as well.

4. Do unpleasant work without complaining. Perhaps neither husband or wife like doing the dishes. But complaining about it doesn't help. Nor does avoiding the task so our spouse has to do it. Or maybe both avoiding it and winding up with a sink full of dirty dishes - that don't go away on their own. Doing the unpleasant work, either separately or together, without complaining, and maybe with a smile, can be a real opportunity to show your spouse how much you love and care for them.

5. Plan things together. This includes the drudgery as well as the fun. Show your spouse that you are dependable and also that you have a real need for your spouse. It's always nice to know that we are needed around the house. It's also nice to know that we are a



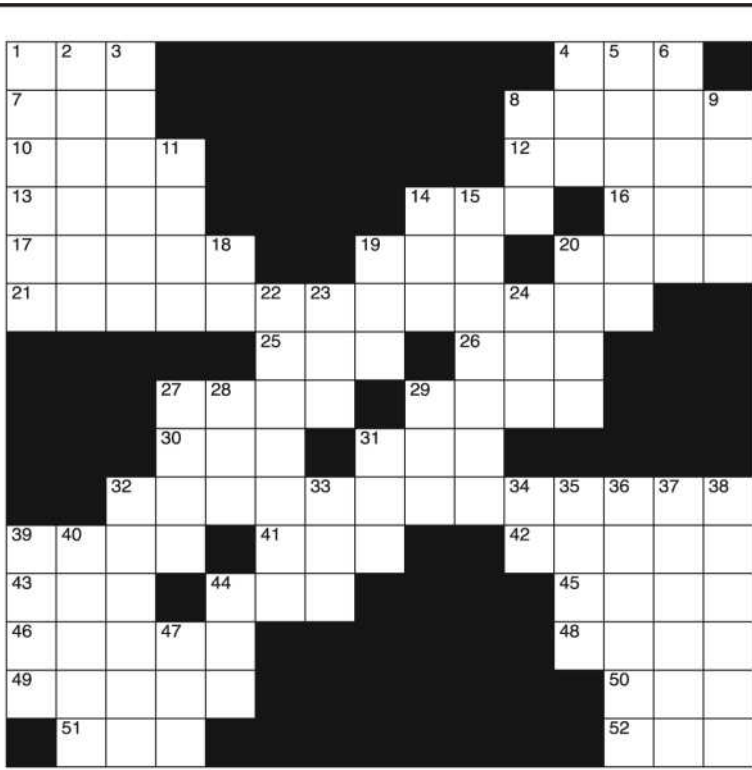
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part of the planning and preparation for events outside the house. Go to church together. Take fun vacations together.

6. Serve together. Serving one another is extremely important, but a close second is serving others. Don't just go to church together. Look for ways you can serve in the church, or through the church. Or in the community. Many churches have parish ministries, and there are numerous Christ-honoring non-church organizations in the community. They are always in need of volunteers. Serving as a couple improves bonding and contentment, and there's a sweet intimacy that comes with working together on a service project or giving together to those in need.

"For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building." (Bible - 1 Corinthians 3:9)

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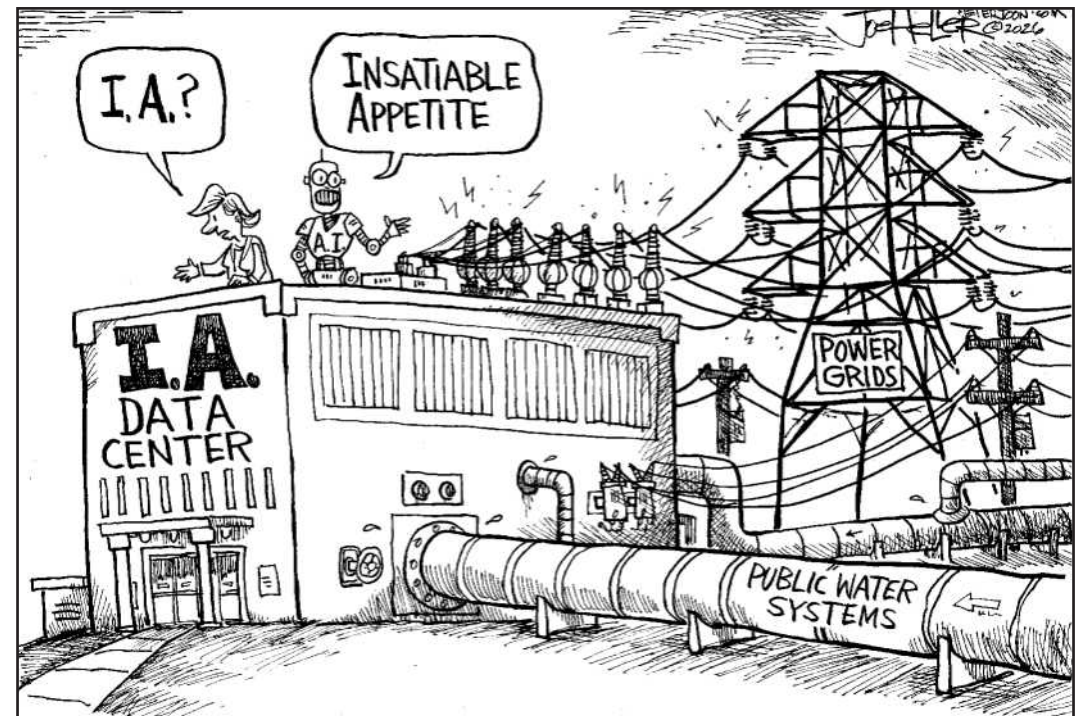
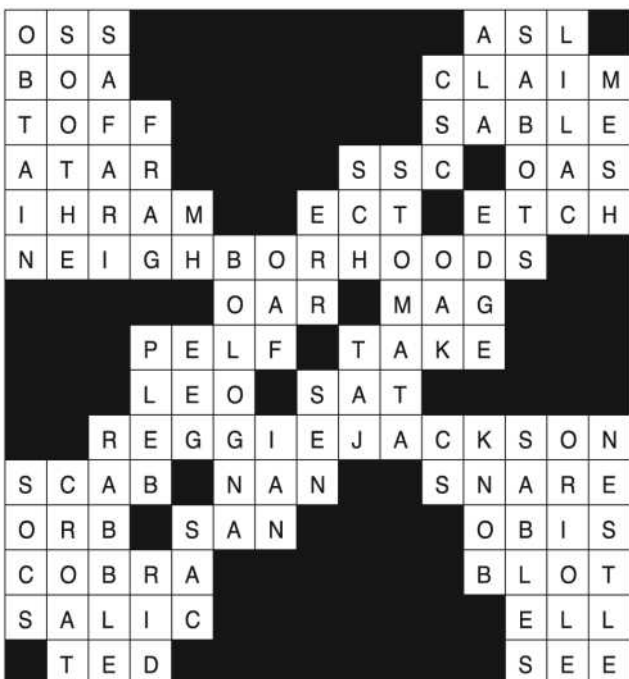
### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Former CIA
- 4. Language
- 7. Constrictor snake
- 8. Demand
- 10. Rich man
- 12. Short-tailed marten
- 13. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 14. Superconducting super collider
- 16. International group of countries within the Americas
- 17. Sacred state for Muslims
- 19. Shock therapy
- 20. Engrave
- 21. Localities
- 25. Paddle
- 26. Periodical
- 27. Dishonestly gained money
- 29. Gain possession of
- 30. Actor DiCaprio
- 31. High schoolers' test
- 32. Mr. October
- 39. Sign of healing
- 41. One's grandmother
- 42. Entrap
- 43. One who simultaneously buys and sells
- 44. \_ Francisco
- 45. Web-based data provider of marine life
- 46. Type of snake
- 48. Dark mark or stain
- 49. Member of the Salii
- 50. Former measure of length
- 51. CNN's founder
- 52. Witness

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Acquire
- 2. Console
- 3. Hunting expedition
- 4. Pie \_ mode
- 5. Simple shoes for peasants
- 6. Eurasian shrub
- 8. Reciprocal of a sine
- 9. Work together in harmony
- 11. Grenade
- 14. File extension
- 15. Minute pores in a plant
- 18. Medal of Honor
- 19. Make a mistake
- 20. Advance slowly, as if by inches
- 22. Sandwich meat
- 23. An awkward stupid person
- 24. Strong tree
- 27. Commoner
- 28. Electroencephalograph
- 29. \_ Mahal
- 31. Congressman
- 32. Disorderly crowd
- 33. 007's creator Fleming
- 34. Atomic #55
- 35. Part of a door
- 36. Short-tail martens
- 37. Baltimore ballplayer
- 38. Cuddle
- 39. Gang in "The Outsiders"
- 40. Of Croatia
- 44. Body cavity
- 47. Get free of

### PUZZLE SOLUTION



## SUDOKU

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

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

ANSWER: