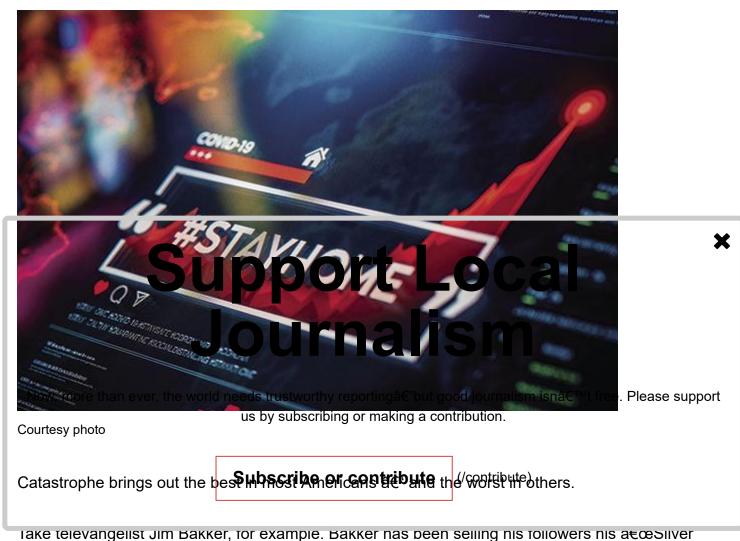
COVID-19: The worst of the worst

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Silver Solution "has been proven by the government that it has the ability to kill every pathogen it has ever been tested on, including SARS and HIV,â€□ the "expertâ€□ claimed. Four 4-ounce bottles could be yours, a message on the screen said, for just \$80. The product, colloidal silver, can actually be harmful. The state of New York ordered Bakker to stop selling it. Missouri is suing him. He has stopped selling it, no doubt in hopes that he won't once again be convicted of fraud and once again become a prison inmate.

Beware of self-proclaimed Christians, like Bakker, who offer (for a price) salvation and a bottle of snake oil.

The Federal Trade Commission has warned nine Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers

against "assistics and facilitatingâ€□ illegal telemark ting and robocalls related to coronavirus.

"Many of these call tele upo denoute ' fear if the virus operative scams or sow disinformation,â€□ according to the FTC's website.

Both the FTC and the U.S. Food & Drug Administration have warned seven companies, including

The Jim Bakker Show, for making similar fraudulent claims. Those other companies are: Vital Silver, Now, more than ever, the world needs trustworthy reportingâ€"but good journalism isn't free. Please support Quinessence Aromatherapy, Ltdus by singetinsing or the protection of the FTC had received more than 25,400 consumer complaints related to the outbreak, including nearly 14,000 fraud complaints. Losses have totaled \$19.3 million, with a median loss of \$556. We already have a bevy of COVID-19-related self-protection restrictions. What's a couple more? Maybe, we shouldn't answer phone calls from numbers we don't recognize or open emails from people we don't know.

Criminals who try to take our money under false pretenses in times of crisis are among the worst of the worst in our society. Many will prey upon your faith in mankind and your faith in God.

Another phenomenon that comes with crisis is a search for someone to blame for our discomfort. After Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, then-President Franklin Roosevelt took the unprecedented â€" and unconstitutional â€" action of rounding up and moving American citizens into internment camps. Americans of Japanese descent â€" 110,000 of them â€" spent World War II in 10 camps throughout fly-over country. Nearly 1,900 died there, one in 10 from tuberculosis.

Racism was in full force. And, while we were also at war with Germany and Italy our government created no such camps for citizens of German or Italian descent. They were, after all, white.

Today, some Americans are revealing their ugliest side with Asian Americans being harassed and American harn Americans have been blamed by the abused by citizens of meir o ignorant among us ∎for their safety and for their∎h∎dren's safety. tormented. Many live in feat

Shame seems more appropriate than surprise. Those among us who would blame our fellow citizens for a paretemic for which they are referred and see parable on prism for a paretemic for which they are referred and see parable. and gullible could still find their watyinstobsteibing mâ€akiegausen Hellinoon't have them.

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