## Weekly Update by Mark Armstrong - April 28, 2023

Greetings from Tyler,

Iran seized an oil tanker, fully loaded and bound for Texas. That's when a helicopter dropped a bunch of commandos and steered the ship back toward Iran. They claim that there was a collision with another ship. Meanwhile, things are getting crazy in Iran. Somebody walked up and shot an important Iranian cleric at a bank. He was a top advisor to the revered Ayatollah Khomeini.

There are rumblings about former enemies getting together for meetings, and wouldn't you know it, China looks to be the main player, getting these nations together. It used to be the United States that had the clout. It's starting to look like we've been replaced, thanks to the pretender. Maybe that was part of the secret bargain. China is apparently making deals all over the world to do business in the yuan, not in U. S. dollars, as has been done for as long as anybody can remember. What does that mean for the value of our money?

China is stepping into the void, trying to come to some solution for the Ukraine war. That's a lot better than China intervening militarily to help Russia win. That used to be what the United States did, but the munitions industry is making money hand over fist, and will hate to see the war end regardless of the images on television.

It's as though our "leadership" is determined to destroy every vestige of our lives while telling us they're "saving the planet." Go save some other planet! John Kerry and Al Gore are preaching the gospel of global warming to whoever will listen. I can't rightly stand the look on either of their faces. So what happens when the people of the U. S. "save the planet" by way of electric cars and all the other claptrap they're preaching, and India and China think it's a bunch of hooey?

Does the planet still get saved, or do we have to follow the dictates of idiots, and the planet still gets warmer? Or maybe all these goofballs ought to be told we're not going along. But they've got the corporations and their criteria for a social credit score. Just like the controversy with Budweiser, we'll have to weigh in with our money. And they'll just suffer the inevitable. Why have climate activists begun defacing priceless works of art? What's to be gained, other than notoriety for some truly ugly women? Sometimes they're ugly men, but they're always ugly. If you have some doubt, just look at them! Idiots on display.

One of his last acts before being summarily dismissed, was Tucker Carlson's interview with Elon Musk. Musk warned that commercial real estate is in trouble, and will figure in whatever economic disaster is looming. There are apparently whole buildings, tall ones, (in San Francisco specifically) that have no tenants. What happens if commercial real estate collapses? That might not be good for the economy, which is already faltering.

Border news is impossible to watch. Millions of "refugees" have crossed into the United States and we're not supposed to be alarmed. Mayorkas has such a dumbfounded look on his face at hearings, as if he doesn't see what we do. Border agents assigned to manage the flow, get the refugees on a bus and get ready for the next onslaught. The numbers of "got-aways" are painful, as are the statistics on fentanyl deaths. We've got government-sponsored commercials warning us about the dangers of fentanyl while managing the disaster we can't stand watching. This is a full-blown catastrophe, with the undesirables from every mudhole south of the border pouring into the U. S. What happens when they are the majority? What about democracy? The idiots in charge of this insanity are busy calling us racist, and saying the border is under control. Somebody, tell my TV!

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