## Weekly Update by Mark Armstrong - February 3, 2023

Greetings from Tyler,

They've decided to keep the Covid fear machine in place, at least until May 11, and you can bet there will be crocodile tears if it ever happens. You can hear them now. Covid did what Global Warming was supposed to. Not that they're not still throwing fits about stuff we've never heard of. National Geographic must be slow on the uptake if these wild phenomena are taking place somewhere on the "planet." Some of these guys nearly busted through their suits with anger. The trick is that we, the recipients of their wrath, can't even conceive of their wealth.

I'm trying to remember if a fit has been thrown in the U. S. Congress to compare to the bouncing and gesturing of AOC. Maybe she has a future at the pulpit. It's as if some of those gestures were created in a mirror. She was nearly beside herself with anger at all the usual whipping boys. You know, racism, inequality, violence against women of color. Turns out the whole squad is apoplectic. What do you mean they can't serve on important intelligence and national security committees? What an outrage! How dare we stand for it? This fit will be memorialized.

So you know we've got a Chinese spy balloon drifting high above the United States. Nothing can be done because... The explanations don't make a lot of sense. Who knows what ramifications shooting down a Chinese spy balloon would have, or what backroom agreements would be breached. Word has it that the pretender wants it shot down and the military is balking. We can land vehicles on Mars, but have no idea how to deal with a spy balloon.

I made the mistake of tuning in to one of the lesser news stations. There was a Ukrainian woman of some high office sounding like a true believer. She wants all Russian influence kicked across the border and the international community's blessing. Nothing short of that is acceptable. That's as unrealistic as it gets. It overlooks realities of decades, and guarantees perpetual war. It makes you wish our government was half as concerned about our southern border. Only those borders halfway around the world really matter. Everybody's after Trump. Old stories are being dredged up with all kinds of criminal implications. They're going to destroy him no matter what. You've got to admit, all these years of throwing the book at him, and nothing to show for it has to be infuriating. I'm thinking of the Police Chief in the Pink Panther movies.

Meanwhile, Hunter's gone on offense. He's got some of the finest lawyers money can buy. A lot of them. How dare his personal stuff go public! Somebody must be responsible. Sue everybody in sight, maybe that'll work. You have to wonder what the big guy's lawyers are thinking. I'm thinking this wasn't their strategy, but who knows? You might have noticed, the details of some international deals are getting published all over the place. The "going on offense" posture is designed to call a halt to the revelations. It's a little late. We already know.

We were kind of hoping we hadn't heard the last of the Davos crowd, urgent to save us from ourselves as they were. Apparently our bosses (they think) have a lot of things figured out. They've decided the planet can be saved if we just all stay home! Imagine the non-existent traffic jams and no office energy consumption. The Covid mandates showed the way, and if they could just get us all back indoors everything would be fine. Surely you won't mind a little dietary diversity, like bugs.

The arrogance of buffoons knows no bounds. John Kerry's got that look on his face again. Uh oh. There go the gas stoves. Everybody stay home, except when it's time for your next booster shot. If these self-absorbed intellectual types weren't so vain, it might be a little easier to take. We don't believe in them. There's a much higher power and we believe in Him and the common sense he gave us. Thanks anyway.

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