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Mr. Trump's Wild Ride [noticeably wilder than Disneyland's "Mr. Toad's Wild Ride"! Unable to prove that Trump conspired with Russians, Special Prosecutor Robert Mueller is now systematically moving to indict everyone close to the President, including his son. Mueller's mission: put pressure on Trump to be impeached or resign by October to influence November elections and overturn the balance of Congress. **We are witnessing the most corrupt attempted coup in United States' history!**

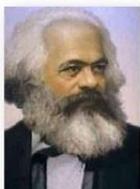
"[Insurance policy](#)" failing, the **DEEP STATE** is now in full panic over Trump's rollback of its painstakingly-arranged control mechanisms. (Rollback accomplished in August included renegotiating NAFTA and freezing 2019 pay for federal workers, details below.) Since assassinating Trump would most likely martyr him and spark civil war, globalists are going all out in an attempt to destroy him politically and personally.

The D.C establishment is stunned that all of [the dirt](#) that has been laid out against the President hasn't phased mainstream America. What Americans continue to like about Trump is that he isn't a corrupted, self-dealing dishonest Washington politician. He has plenty of faults, but is sincere in his desire to restore some semblance of individual freedom to American citizens. He's only able to do this because [he's an outsider](#), beholden to NO special interests.

Jim Sinclair wrote that Trump's weakness seems to be his judgment of people, having placed more hostile individuals into power positions (Sessions, Rosenberg, Cohen, Powell, etc) than any president he can recall. That may be a fault ... or it may reflect what he has to do to remain in power. Steve Bannon was another outsider who came to the White House, but didn't last long in the DC pressure cooker.



Socialism Violates the Ten Commandments



Karl Heinrich Marx (1818-1883)



You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Exodus 20:17

what's manifesting now in socialistic Zimbabwe and [Venezuela](#) (and in the on-deck circle, Turkey and South Africa).

In the hold-onto-your-hat category is [this posting](#) from QAnon.

ps, If you're wondering what the impeachment of a President would look like, here's a very [clear graphic](#) outlining the 8-step process (bottom line, almost no chance of this happening to Trump).

McCain's legacy. Breitbart observed that "The McCain funeral marked the end of an era for the globalist war party." For those unaware of McCain's background, he was NOT a hero. His hot dog antics as a young pilot aboard the carrier U.S.S. Forrestal resulted in the deaths of 134 sailors. Instead of being court-

Civil unrest seems certain to continue and most likely **intensify into November** and on into 2019, regardless of the outcome of mid-term elections. We may be headed for civil war or even the [breaking apart](#) of the United States as we have known it.

The socialistic fools that have been sucked into supporting Deep State mayhem have obviously never heard of, or simply refuse to honor, the Ten Commandments...

And they are either unaware or ignorant of what happened in the [Soviet Union](#) and

martialed, McCain was transferred to another command, thanks to help from his Four Star Admiral grandfather. Later, during his incarceration by the Viet Cong as a prisoner-of-war, he signed multiple confessions to receive more lenient treatment. [McCain was despised](#) by his fellow pilots and servicemen for both reasons. [There's more](#), and it's mostly bad. "Songbird" McCain was NO HERO!

U.S. ECONOMIC HEALTH

U.S. consumer confidence? August [payrolls](#) came in at 201K, vs 191K expected, with unemployment at 3.9%. The government reported U.S. [economic growth](#) at an annualized 4.1% in the second quarter and the New York-based Conference Board reported a rise in its confidence index to its [highest level](#) since October 2000. However, Michigan University's reported household sentiment fell to its lowest level in a year. Why the differing views? Supposedly, trade tensions.

Trade wins. Trump followed his earlier trade triumph over the EU with a new agreement with Mexico: the USMTA will replace NAFTA in 90 days—potentially leaving Canada in the lurch (and facing tariffs on its cars), unless it comes to the table. The President said that after "[decades of abuse](#)" by Canada, he just wants a fair deal for the U.S.

Key [USMTA provisions](#) include incentivizing billions annually in additional U.S. vehicle and auto parts production, maintaining duty-free access in farm products, and imposing stronger rules-of-origin for chemicals, steel products, glass and optical fiber.

Also, by finding a new market for U.S. soybeans in Mexico, Trump [neutralized China's threat](#) of buying fewer soybeans from America. Renegotiations with Mexico and Canada will also help [keep out](#) cheap Chinese goods.



MSM and mainstream economists are still trying to cope with the new trade world being orchestrated by our bartering President. Trump understands that free trade has [NEVER existed](#). Instead of tariffs, countries round the world have used DUTIES to protect their local industries ... and they have been taking America to the cleaners! The principal sub-theme in this confrontation is [Chinese containment](#).

Small business ownership by [black Americans](#) has jumped 400% since Trump's election... 83% of executives say [business is better](#), with 76% seeing more growth... American manufacturing is growing at the [fastest pace](#) in 14 years.

Housing starts [fell nearly 13%](#) year-over-year in June. Permits rose 1.5% over May. [New home](#) sales tumbled, with California real estate [heading](#) for crash mode. Real estate nationwide appears to have topped out, except perhaps in the seven states without state income tax.

Retail sales have been awesome at [Walmart](#) and [Target](#), even as [Sears](#) prepared to close 46 more stores in November, and [JCPenney](#) stock fell below \$2/share, reflecting its increased risk of default.

[ShadowStats reports](#) included "fading economic sizzle," increasing inflation with contracting seasonally-adjusted wages, and "mounting systemic- and consumer-liquidity issues." It also characterized the present economy as in a "fragile, nascent recovery"—which the [Fed is threatening](#) to disrupt.



Unable to retire. A Northwestern Mutual [study concluded](#) that about 1/3rd of Americans have less than \$5,000 saved for retirement, while 16% have between \$75,000 and \$200,000. Average family savings is \$84,821—compared to a recommendation of at least \$1 million.

[Illinois](#) continues leading the pack of troubled municipalities, heading for the financial edge with a budget imbalance of \$1.2 billion.

Caution: stay away from the junk bonds IL is issuing to stay in business!

STOCK and BOND MARKETS

U.S. stocks continued their advance in August: the Dow Industrial and S&P 500 Indexes closed the month at 25965 and 2902, up 2.0% and 2.2% respectively for the month. The S&P market is now enjoying the [longest](#) bull market EVER (3,453 days), sporting an overall increase of 323%.

U.S. markets are being [driven higher](#) by investment capital leaving troubled foreign markets in search of a safe haven and coming to the U.S. This new capital is absorbing domestic selling by U.S. institutions who are anticipating a major crash.

The S&P signaled that it will hold its higher level by closing the month above 2836. The Dow is stalled just below 26000, possibly due to hesitation by large global capital interests of investing during Mueller's attempted coup... But, there is NO bubble!

Regarding the steady parade of market analysts proclaiming the end of the bull market, Martin Armstrong wrote that "**It is**

IMPOSSIBLE to get a major collapse in the US share markets when there is a crisis in the world economy that results in a flight to the dollar. All the banks that have been coming out forecasting the collapse of the US share market are looking only at domestic issues and rising interest rates. They lack the global models and this is what makes all the difference."



Treasury yields declined: the 10-year T-bond yield dropped 9 basis points to 2.86% and the 30-year yield slid 7 bp to 3.02%. [Fed hikes](#) in its benchmark rate appear to be coming in September and December (and 3 more in 2019), citing the strong economy and escalating "trade disputes."

The dollar (USD) crept 0.1% higher to 95.08. Dollar strength has been accompanied by foreign currencies under stress, such as in [Brazil](#), Turkey and Argentina. Turkey may be lining up as the largest emerging market debt default of all time; [this author](#) likens Turkey's Erdogan to Venezuela's Chavez—who single-handedly drove his country into bankruptcy.

Armstrong wrote that "emerging market debts are in far worse shape today than they were even back in 2008. They have issued heaps of dollar-denominated debt to sell to U.S. pension funds seeking higher yield." The world will "come unglued" as the dollar continues rising; none of them (except China) have strong enough economies to support increased debt payments.

PRECIOUS METALS and COMMODITIES

Precious metals continued sliding in August. Gold dipped below 1200, before closing at 1206.70.ounce, down 17, while silver finished 1.02 lower at 14.44/oz. PM's are suffering from the strengthening dollar—and will only suffer further as the dollar continues rising under an avalanche of distressed foreign capital.



Precious metals appear unlikely to reenter a bull market before 2020. Renewed strength in America's economy and markets are pushing gold's traditional safe haven qualities into the background. [Armstrong observed](#): "Younger generations do not see gold as money, as does the aging generation." And so future "solid" money may consist not only of gold—but also of cryptocurrencies. Gold is currently just a commodity-based asset class ... not money.

Mining stocks (measured by the XAU Index) plunged 13% to 66.24.

Commodities (GCC Index) tumbled 1.1% to 18.00, as copper sank to its lowest level since mid-2017.

Energy. Crude oil (WTIC Index) was flat for the month, closing at \$69.80/barrel, and reflecting developments including [Texas' exporting](#) more oil than it imported for the first time ever, and a Department of Energy report of [unexpectedly large](#) crude inventories. This rosy picture could change however, as rising interest rates put financial pressure on U.S. [shale producers](#).

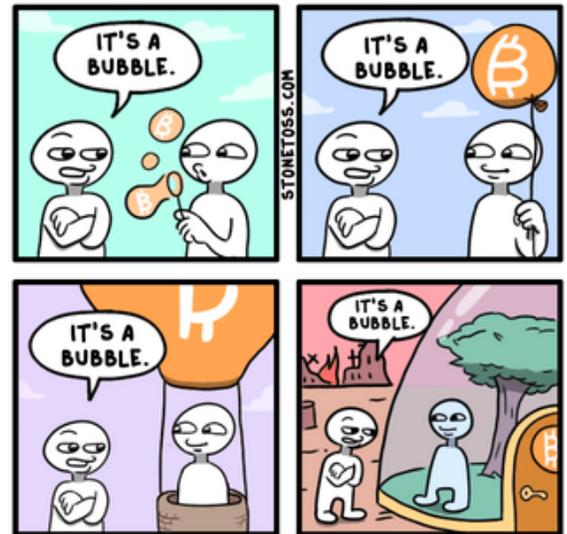
CRYPTOCURRENCIES

Bitcoin dropped to 6039 in early August, then climbed back to close the month at 7050, down 6.1%. Then on Sept. 5 it fell back again to 6430—ostensibly when [Goldman Sachs announced](#) a trading pullback. Other cryptos followed.

After BTC's spectacular rise to a 19345 December 2017 top, professional traders have taken control of the crypto market, forcing participants to either simply HODL (Hold On for Dear Life) or become traders themselves. Ethereum's Vitalik Buterin noted that "the blockchain space is getting to the point where there's a [ceiling in sight](#). There isn't an opportunity for yet another 1,000-times growth in anything in the space."

At present Bitcoin is trading in a declining wedge pattern. It will need to close September above 6513 to remain bullish. Closing the month below 6027 will signal vulnerability to a continued decline.

Dollar Vigilante's Ed Bugos published a detailed analysis, speculating on BTC's bottom for this retraction and came up with a weighted bottom at just below 4100.



Bitcoin is NOT yet a currency. Instead, it is an [asset class](#) ... commodity-based money, able to be traded. There's little doubt that BTC has become a "safe haven," such as gold—outside the reach of the deep state... People want it because it's SCARCE: the supply of BTC coins is limited to a maximum of 21 million. No more than that can be created without a public vote among miners, which would precipitate massive abandonment of the coin. Since it's scarce, people are saving it, regarding BTC as a **store of value**. They're NOT spending it, which is cool—because merchants would prefer not to bother with it. At least not yet. That's today's world...

The world into which we're moving has a different texture. Following currency failures in Zimbabwe and Venezuela, national currencies of Argentina, Turkey, Brazil and Iran are also facing critical fiscal problems.

As an initial foray into national cryptocurrency, Venezuela's [Maduro announced](#) that the new version of its bolivar will be pegged to the value of its petro. For the first time ever, an oil-linked cryptocurrency would effectively replace a sovereign currency, with the new bolivar tethered to the fledgling petro, valued at around \$66—the price of one barrel of Venezuelan oil. This is a sham! The allegedly oil-rich territory lacks crucial infrastructure including roads, pipelines and power generation facilities to extract the reserves. There is no investment plan for the area and the estimated cost to activate it is estimated at \$20+ billion. But other national cryptocurrency projects seem likely to follow.

The cryptocurrency phenomenon is being driven by the same factors that put Donald Trump in office. It represents a reaction against governments. But do cryptocurrencies have the ability to replace sovereign currencies? Going even further, could a single crypto such as Bitcoin become the global reserve currency? The answers to both questions is **NO**.

One of the reasons why a direct replacement isn't practical is that the modern economy relies on credit. Eliminating the ability of the current banking system to create money through lending would eliminate mortgages, destroying the housing market! Most banks would close, wiping out savings accounts, and taking most pension funds with them.

Cryptos not controlled by governments may have an opportunity to replace the current fiat money system after what Martin Armstrong refers to as an **economic "crash and burn"**—the burn being replacement of

the current political system. Riots and even revolution would likely accompany such a development. (The crash and burn IS coming: throughout history, this is the ONLY way that economic imbalances of the magnitude that confront us now have been settled.)

But short such a radical development, Western banking systems are NOT going to allow their power to be usurped. They are ok with cryptos for now, because it's a vehicle for weaning people off of paper money (at present, less than 5% of financial transactions use greenbacks)... More likely than one crypto for the world is the adoption by isolated nations to establish CENTRALIZED cryptos, when their hyperinflating currencies hit the wall. Will global bankers meekly agree that they are the culprits and welcome a decentralized financial system? The answer to that is pretty obvious... They may even have a plan to usurp cryptos and take control of existing decentralized blockchains. But that is also not likely to happen.

Next month we plan to deal with technical aspects of cryptocurrencies...

Blockchain applications are proliferating: think of something, and you can bet that someone is fashioning a blockchain for it.

- Belarus is creating a blockchain-based registry of vehicles, with an indelible history of accidents.
- KodakCoin is a blockchain registry protecting photographer livelihoods.
- Austin Texas is testing a blockchain to store identities of homeless people.
- The UN is trying out a blockchain that lets Syrian refugees pay for food in a Jordanian camp.
- Blockchain-based voting is being tested in Switzerland, Moscow, and for West Virginian absentees.
- The mayor of Naples Italy pledged to launch an autonomous [municipal crypto](#) to evade the euro.
- This graphic illustrates many other [applications](#) of the blockchain; **they will be everywhere.**



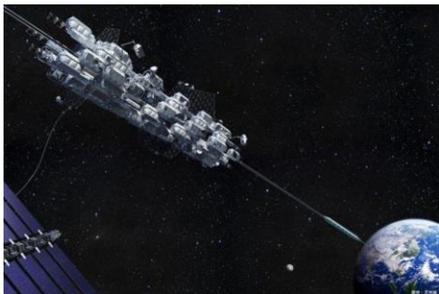
Banks are beginning to freeze crypto accounts under presumption of guilt: [Clydesdale Bank](#) in England decided to freeze all assets involving people who had been involved in cryptocurrencies.

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Handbook. We plan to release an update to our *Crypto Handbook* in late August.

WINDOWS into the FUTURE

The world into which we're moving – whether or not we like or understand it



Here's a think-piece from Visual Capitalist about designs in a [tech-driven future](#). Among other facets, it highlights what a designer may need to do to be successful in the computational era.

A Japanese team has begun experimenting with satellites in low-Earth orbit in a first step towards what could eventually become a ["cosmic elevator"](#) connecting Earth to the space station.

Engineers went to sea to deploy a trash collection device to corral plastic litter floating between California and Hawaii in an attempt to clean up the world's largest garbage patch in the heart of the Pacific Ocean. The 2000 foot long floating boom is headed for the [Great Pacific Garbage Patch](#)—an island of trash twice the size of Texas. The system was created and crowd-funded by The Ocean Cleanup, an organization founded by 24-year old Boyan Slat of the Netherlands.

From Gerald Celente's Trends Journal—August 2018 issue:

The trend to '**functional medicine**' and other cutting-edge movements in health care is turning increasingly to medicinal powers of foods to prevent and cure illness. This complements the development of 'nutraceuticals,' foods engineered to contain health-giving compounds. Food increasingly will be recognized as a key to preventing illness and also as a key element in curing it. For example, epigallocatechin (or EGCG), found in green tea, and tannic acid from red wines is known to block the formation of amyloid protein conglomerates. Amyloids are signature features of Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases.

Gene therapy is now a business. Sumitomo Dainippon in Osaka, Japan and Lonza in Switzerland are now manufacturing and selling therapeutic cells, derived from human stem cells, that could spark genetic fixes for a range of chronic conditions. Regenerative cells which up to now have only been lab creatures will be used to treat thousands of people a year, including those with rare genetic conditions. Therapeutic cells will also be available to biotech start-ups and other sectors, speeding research and the commercialization of gene-base treatments for a range of chronic conditions.

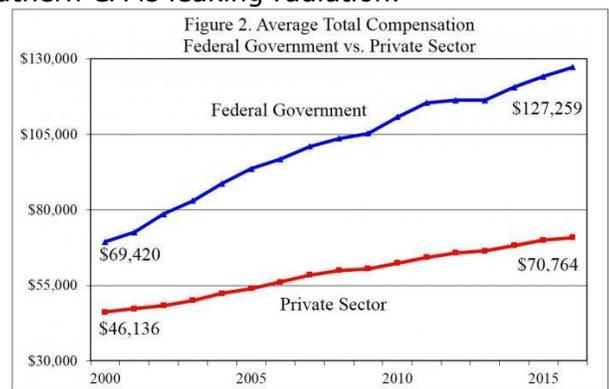


Agrophotovoltaics being tested in Vietnam and Chile use solar panels on stilts above cropland to gather energy while growing crops. Panels produce shade and make enough electricity to cool, clean and package the produce.

Farming becomes more profitable and home-grown electricity allows farmers to consider setting up secondary value-added operations on site, such as for making jams and other products from crops grown under the panels.

Ten more items of possible interest

- Glyphosate from Monsanto's Roundup weed killer is being found in children's [breakfast cereal](#)! Also, Monsanto was just hit with a [\\$289 million judgment](#) in an historic "Roundup" cancer lawsuit.
- The deactivated San Onofre nuclear power plant in Southern CA is leaking radiation.
- Trump just [froze](#) 2019 federal government worker wages (80% higher than private sector pay).
- The Paris [Climate "Agreement"](#) is unravelling, vindicating Trump's earlier decision to withdraw.
- 60 holistic Florida doctors who identified [Nagales in vaccines](#) as a cancer-causing agent—are dead. Nagales prevents the body from producing vitamin-D ... and Big Pharma involvement is suspected.
- Google Android phones suck [private information](#) about you at 10 times the rate of iPhone.
- Tech firm Three Square Market has injected 80 employees with [RFID microchips](#).
- [Brazil's "Donald Trump"](#) presidential candidate was stabbed at a campaign event.
- Here's an [interactive map](#) of how many days you are wasting commuting over a lifetime.
- And another fascinating graphic on mortality from [Visual Capitalist](#).



TWILITE ZONE

[The latest weekly issue](#) from the National UFO Center covers a broad gamut of UFO-related material, including back-engineering of crashed craft by the Nazis and later by Lockheed; alien presence in our solar system, including in huge caves in Antarctica; alien awareness of Ronald Reagan and Winston Churchill; and indications of a current U.S. space fleet.

Lots of information and suppositions...



In a disclosure reminiscent of the environment portrayed in the movie "The Matrix," scientists have postulated that we may in fact be living in a simulated reality. [Gregg Braden asks](#) if it is "possible that every moment of our reality is occurring inside a computer? A growing body of scientific evidence suggests we may be living within a massive simulation the size of the universe." This theory echoes back somewhat to the [1982 sci-fi](#) cult movie "Tron."

Further yet from the realm of traditional thinking lies a vast body of information disclosed through the 1970's paranormal writings of [Jane Roberts](#). For example, one thought from her books: "You create your own reality." Meaning that every human being is creating—right now—the conditions and circumstances of their lives ... even though the vast majority of humanity has no clue that this is what is really going on.

"There is a plot in this country to enslave every man, woman and child. Before I leave this high and noble office, I intend to expose this plot." – John F. Kennedy, November 15, 1963 (seven days before he was assassinated)

FUNNIES

Special nostalgic treat for [Beatles fans](#): Paul McCartney spends time on Carpool Karaoke in Liverpool, visiting his childhood home, performing songs in a local pub and singing a few of his biggest hits.



BREAKING NEWS: The Chicago Police Dept has replaced all sirens with the National Anthem, to force suspects to stop running and take a knee.

THE FUNERAL

A woman was leaving a convenience store with her morning coffee when she noticed a most unusual funeral procession approaching the nearby cemetery. A long black hearse was followed immediately by a second hearse.

Behind the second hearse was a solitary woman, dressed in mourning black, walking a Pit Bull.

Most curiously, behind the lady and her dog were nearly 200 women following in single file.

The woman on-looker was overcome by her curiosity. Respectfully, she approached the woman and dog: "I am so sorry for your loss, and I know now is a bad time to disturb you, but I've never seen a funeral like this. Whose funeral is it?"

The woman replied, "Well, that first hearse is for my husband."
"What happened to him?"

--"My dog attacked and killed him."

She inquired further, "Well, who is in the second hearse?"

--"My mother-in-law. She was trying to help my husband when the dog turned on her."

A poignant and thoughtful moment of silence passes between the two women.
"Can I borrow the dog?"

--"Get in line."



The true meaning of the word "service".

At one time in my life, I thought I had a handle on the meaning of the word "service." The act of doing things for other people. Then I heard the terms Internal Revenue Service, Postal Service, Civil Service, Service Stations...

And I became confused about the word "service." This is not what I thought "service" meant. Then one day, I overheard two farmers talking and one of them mentioned that he was having a bull service a few of his cows.

SHAZAM!!

It all came into perspective. Now I understand what all those "service" agencies are doing to us...

**Got tasered picking
up my friend from
the airport today.
Apparently
security doesn't
like it when you
shout,
"Hi Jack!"**

HOW TO TELL THE SEX OF A FLY...

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

"What are you doing?" She asked.

"Hunting Flies" He responded.

"Oh. Killing any?" She asked.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 Females," he replied.

Intrigued, she asked. "How can you tell?"

He responded, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."



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