



Financial Survivalist Letter

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Setting the stage for this month's opening gambit is the Danish National Symphony and Concert Choir's [great rendition](#) of Ennio Morricone's classic composition, from the 1966 "Spaghetti Western" film...

The Good. A growing number of populist Euroskeptic countries are moving toward economic self-determination. French "[Yellow Shirts](#)", now in the streets for 7 weeks, have [inspired](#) residents in Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Egypt, Finland, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Netherlands, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Taiwan, Tunisia and the United Kingdom. Viva la France!

Marine Le Pen's National Rally and Germany's AfD (Alternative for Germany) are gaining momentum—frustrating EU power brokers hanging with the "Davos Crowd." Italy's Salvini is [blocking migrant](#) landings, vowing to "Make Italy Great Again." European leaders in agreement include Sebastian Kurz in Austria and Viktor Orban in Hungary. [Orban maintains](#) that there is life beyond globalism, and a **huge difference** between the EU and an alliance of free nations.

In Brazil, Jair Bolsonaro is preparing to lead a [populist revolution](#). Following an attempted assassination, he now finds himself in the crosshairs of vicious mainstream media rumors and attempted smears ... which, to many observers, confirms that Jair is the real thing.

This global sea change is happening largely because Donald Trump is challenging the status quo and bringing transparency to the deceptions being foisted by political elites upon the general public. This transformational development appears to be part of a longer range progression to a "Golden Age" perspective described by futurist John Peterson and a number of other observers who are not locked into conventional thinking. Let's hope so.

The Bad. Our president is struggling. Why wouldn't he be? He's surrounded and massively outnumbered by traitors and enemies in Wall Street, the D.C. bureaucracy, intelligence agencies, Hollywood, Silicon Valley, Rockefeller and Soros interests and mainstream media. Congress and even his closest advisors are subjected to daily direct pressure from deep state interests. And he is [still being sabotaged](#) from operatives inside the intelligence agencies... Remember, not since Ross Perot has a successful independent outsider dared to take a meaningful swipe at the Deep State. Ross backed away. Donald didn't.

Trump is one person, with few remaining prominent die-hard supporters ([Alex Jones](#) being close to #1), directly opposed to the most formidable threat to humanity that has existed in modern times. To me, it's a miracle that Trump hasn't walked away. [Ann Coulter](#) accuses him of being weak. [Chuck Baldwin](#) makes a powerful case that Trump is either a fool or a liar, and a far cry from what we hoped he'd be. My main point of contention with Baldwin is that Trump is fighting not only Democrats, but most of the GOP as well. They're all part of the swamp. His selection of William Barr as America's next attorney general pushes any sane observer's confidence—including mine—out onto thin ice. But what's our alternative?

The ugly. Martin Armstrong: "If you ever needed [proof that government is collapsing](#), here it is live and in full color. Freshman Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) was just placed on the House Financial Services Committee. Who is the Chairperson? None other than the controversial Maxine Waters (D-CA). We now have two people with absolutely **NO** expertise in this field going to overlook banks and Wall Street... We are moving in the direction of a complete collapse in confidence."



We are already being regaled by a [parade of socialists](#) intent on taking your money, starting in 2020: Harris, Warren, Gillibrand and Booker so far, with Bernie and others in the wings.

To the very idea of the U.S. supporting a [coup in Venezuela](#), another Democratic candidate, Tulsi Gabbard, said [don't you dare](#) – so she was immediately smeared by the deranged media, with DNC help. [Ron Paul agreed](#) with Tulsi. And so do I.

Ron also noted that now would be a great time to [shut down the TSA](#)... And his elegant solution to the border crisis is to simply withdraw and deny ANY U.S. benefits to migrants. Doug Casey seconded that idea.

We do indeed appear to be on a slippery slope, downward (if Armstrong is right) to 2032. And if Democrats have their way, we may see substantial enough tax increases to wipe out economic growth.

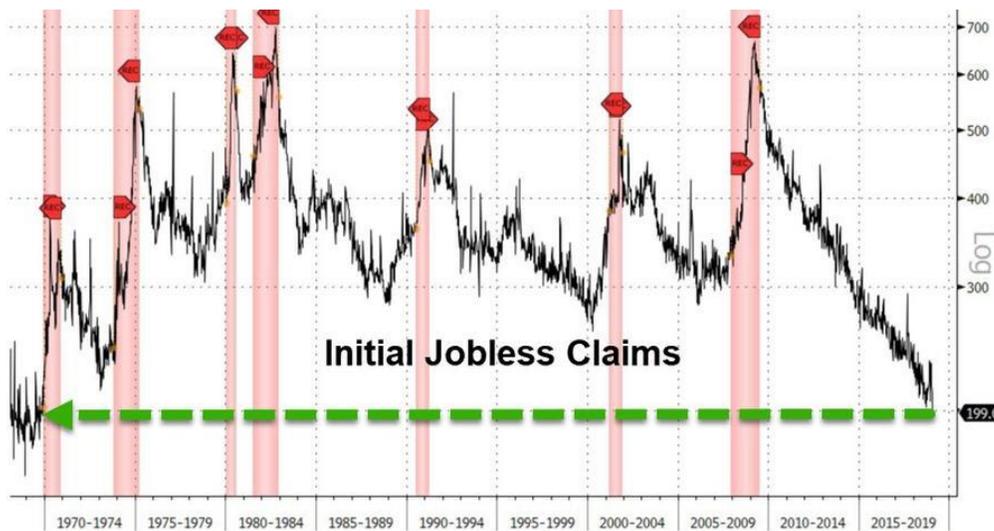
America seems irreversibly split, with politicians having little regard for the welfare of the country or its citizens. Statista reported that members of Congress are now tied with car salespeople as the [least trustworthy](#) profession (at 8%). While hoping—and working—for a good outcome, each of us should use the 1½ years remaining before the 2020 general election to **prepare for the worst**—in case that's what we get... [There is another way to view this transformation, and we intend to report on it next month.]

How on Earth did both Blade Runner (1982) and Running Man (1987) [predict](#) our world of 2019?



U.S. ECONOMIC HEALTH

Consumer confidence collapsed, as [jobs hopes](#) crashed the most in 50 years—[reflecting](#) the government shutdown, impact of tariffs, financial market instabilities and global slowdown. Rising [credit card use](#) amplifies the degree of American financial difficulty.



Employment. Jobs growth exploded higher, adding 222,000 jobs in December and [another 304,000](#) in January, substantially above economic estimates ... and despite the government shutdown.

January marked the 100th consecutive month of positive job creation. Initial jobless claims fell below 200,000 for the first time [since October 1969](#). Unemployment ticked higher to 4 percent.

Retailers [struggled](#) over the holidays, with Macy's and Nordstrom among merchants reporting disappointing sales over the critical December shopping period.

Existing home sales [plunged](#) 6.4% in December, indicating that the [double-digit](#) collapse in high-end U.S. real estate is making its way into middle and lower housing sectors. Pulte Homes' CEO admitted that 2019 will be a "challenging year," amid the largest [drop in pending](#) home sales in 5 years.

The U.S. auto market [folded in January](#), following surging production in December. Evidence of difficulty can be seen in factory closings, reduced working hours, thousands of layoffs and car dealer parking lots [overflowing](#) with unsold cars. An auto recession appears to have arrived.

INVESTMENT ASSETS

U.S. stocks roared in January after The Fed [capitulated](#) on further rate increases. The Dow Industrials and S&P 500 Indexes closed January up 7.2% at 25000, and up 7.9% at 2704, respectively. The Dow elected a long-term monthly bullish reversal on January 31st, significantly lowering the risk of a steeper correction. The markets are now consolidating and need to exceed 25981 on a weekly basis to mark continuation of the rally. This consolidation may take weeks or months, but the chance of it breaking out of the channel to the upside is great, in our opinion.

Treasury bonds continued their volatile dance but finished the month relatively unchanged: 10-year and 30-year T-bond yields closed just 1 basis point higher at 2.70% and 3.03%, respectively.

The dollar (USD Index) eased back 0.5% to 95.30.

Precious metals. Gold rose \$44 in January to an 8-month high of 1325/ounce – due principally to escalation of global chaos. Silver added 53-cents to 16.07/oz. Precious metals appear destined for much higher levels in the future, due to escalating economic disturbance. Central banks bought 651 tons of gold last year, the most since 1971—when the U.S. ended the gold standard. Russia was the biggest buyer.

Another confirmation that troubled times are coming is the parade of financial experts into gold. Billionaire [investor Sam Zell](#) discussed why for the first time in his life he bought gold as a hedge for financial crisis, joining Bridgewater founder Ray Dalio, bond king Jeff Gundlach and Greenlight Capital's David Einhorn.

Socrates continues to predict a 2020 precious metals takeoff—**after** a massive foreign capital-driven advance in U.S. blue chip stocks gets underway.

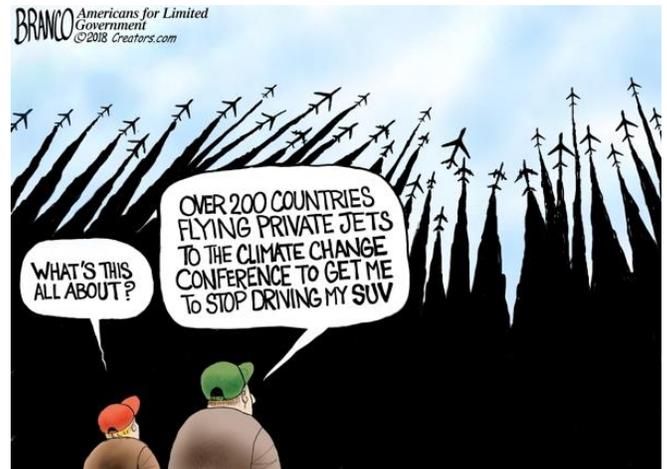
Mining stocks (measured by the XAU Index) continued their rocketing performance, up 8% to 76.30.

Commodities (GCC Index) climbed steadily to close at 18.12, up 3.2% for the month.

Energy. Crude oil (WTIC Index) jumped above 54 in reaction to the biggest [gasoline draw](#) in 3 months, reflecting continuing concerns about supply disruption from Venezuela sanctions. It closed a whopping \$8.40/bbl higher for January, at 53.79/barrel.

U.S. fracking's happy ride may be coming to an end. Geological veteran Art [Berman believes](#) that future oil shale production has been overestimated by Wall Street by 30-40%. Private equity firms that hold large portions of shale oil industry high-yield debt are having a [hard time](#) locating a bid for the high-yield bonds.

Cryptocurrencies. Bitcoin continued its slow collapse and closed January down another 10.6% at 3408. We currently expect the cryptocurrency complex to begin its next advance in March.



*Detailed information on cryptocurrencies is published in our weekly Crypto Report.
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Shocking Border Statistics

Think the president is overblowing our border crisis? Below is an amazing list of the deterioration being inflicted on America through our porous southern border. The president included these statistics in his [appeal for bipartisan action](#) from Congress.

1. In 2018, **17,000 adults with existing criminal records** were arrested by border agents.
2. In 2017 and 2018, **ICE arrested ~235,000** aliens on criminal charges or convictions – *already inside the U.S.* – including **100,000 for assault, 30,000 for sex crimes and 4,000 for murder.**
3. 60,000 illegal and inadmissible aliens a month arrive at our Southern Border.

4. In December 2018 alone, over 20,000 minors were smuggled into the U.S.
5. The immigration court backlog is approaching **800,000 cases**.
6. In 2017, less than 2% of the 135,000 illegal and admissible family units arriving from Central America were removed—due to a shortage of resources and loopholes in federal laws.
7. So far in 2019, there has been a 280% increase in family units, over 2018.
8. Drugs **seized** at the border from Jan-Aug 2018: **24 tons of Cocaine, 2.4 tons of Heroin**, 140 tons of Marijuana, 33 tons of Methamphetamine and **.7 tons of Fentanyl**.
9. **300 Americans die every week from heroin**, 90% of which comes across the Southern border.
10. Arriving migrants contain 50/day needing emerging medical care, and **1 in 3 women** have been sexually-assaulted during the trip.



Digging deeper on Fentanyl. The small white speck to the right of the penny in the picture is what a **lethal dose** looks like. The amount of Fentanyl [brought into the U.S.](#) in the first 7 months of last year was enough to kill every man, woman and child in the country TWICE over. If nothing else, the amount of deadly drugs flooding America through our southern border constitutes a national emergency.

WINDOWS into the FUTURE

AI/Robotics. Up to a quarter of U.S. jobs may be heading for [replacement by robots](#). Most vulnerable are cooks, waiters and others in food services, short-haul truck drivers and clerical office workers.

- Robotic [dogs delivering packages](#) from autonomous shuttles will eliminate thousands of gig-economy last mile jobs.
- Amazon has already begun to make [last mile deliveries](#) using its “Scout.”
- Nvidia is using a “[kitchen manipulator](#)” robot to identify ingredients and complete cooking tasks, heading toward a generation of robots that will someday cook meals for humans.
- Self-driving cars will ‘cruise’ to [avoid paying](#) to park, crawling as they “kill time,” and creating massive congestion in downtown areas.
- A new AI technology called DeepGestalt has outperformed clinicians in identifying rare [genetic disorders](#)—using a photograph of the patient’s face.
- [Tiny \\$9,000 electric cars](#) are coming – from China.
- The [next “big thing”](#) after smartphones might be Smart Glasses or Neural Computers.



Be especially concerned about “5G” technology. The newest (5th generation) cell phone technology is being rolled out as rapidly as possible by networks like Verizon and manufacturers including Samsung. 5G will mean connectivity for the [approximately 21 billion](#) Internet of Things items predicted to be connected to the internet by 2020. But there’s a **big concern about 5G: safety**.

Is 5G potentially harmful enough to humans to be stopped, or at least subjected to an independent health and safety assessment? Listen to an appeal from an informed UN employee to the UN Secretary General to [halt the deployment of 5G](#) until appropriate testing has been conducted. In 2011 the World Health Organization classified 4G wireless as a group 2B carcinogen. 5G is concentrated and focused electromagnetic radiation more than **100 times more powerful than 4G** and similar to directed energy weapons.

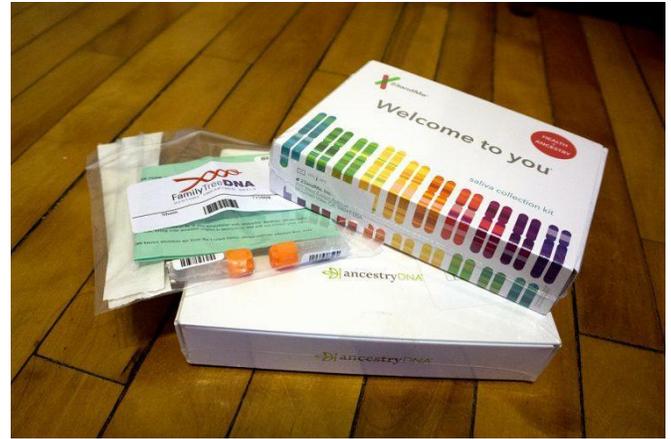
Beware AARP offering tax help. The AARP Foundation operates Tax Aide facilities across the country. Staffed largely by volunteers, it helps seniors prepare their tax forms. Sounds humanitarian, but the program also has a sinister side.

What AARP really is, is a slick multi-billion marketing and lobbying machine that pursues a left of center political agenda, deriving half its revenues from royalty deals with big insurers. It gets full access to completed returns and all personal and financial information contained therein. For privacy reasons as well

as concerns about accuracy and thoroughness, you're probably better off paying a [tax professional](#) to handle your return.

Privacy concerns

- If you're interested in checking out [your DNA](#), be VERY careful who you do business with. [Testing companies](#) seem to be making a habit of sharing information with the FBI.
- Walgreens is testing "[Smart Coolers](#)"—cameras in refrigerators which scan shoppers' faces, to predict what you're going to do.
- Police can place you on a "[Suspicious Person](#)" list, without a reason.
- Amazon and Google "[smart assistants](#)" are being built into dozens of products. You will most likely have to deal with them, like it or not.
- Coming soon? In the United Kingdom, [buying a hammer](#) can make you a potential terrorist.
- A Chinese app flags [someone in debt](#) from 500 meters away (hopefully NEVER in the U.S.)



Other items of possible interest

- Enjoy a smile with 3-year old Casey, who "[hung out with a bear](#)" for 2 days in a N. Carolina forest.
- South Dakota became the first state to allow "[Constitutional Carry](#)," i.e. NO license to pack a pistol.
- "[Magic mushrooms](#)" appear headed toward eventual decriminalisation in parts of the U.S.
- The cancer industry is going after Israeli scientists who announced a universal [cancer cure](#) that works with a single injection and requires no toxic chemotherapy, radiation therapy or surgery.
- Confirming basic economics, NYC restaurants slashed staff after a [\\$15 minimum wage](#) took effect.
- Illinois sold 50,000 cars which they [confiscated](#) from people who could not pay their tickets.
- The ACLU filed a lawsuit to block removal of [95,000 non-U.S. citizens](#) from Texas voter rolls.
- Dallas school bus driver Curtis Jenkins [played Santa Claus](#) to the 70 riders on his school bus: "[Seeing the faces of those kids was more than anything I could ever do with the money.](#)"

TWILITE ZONE

Directed Energy Weapons (DEW) made their first obvious appearance since the New York Trade Center towers were taken down on 9-11-2001, obliterating Paradise, California in November. The complete burn down (part of the "Camp Fire," in which 88 deaths were confirmed) of the community there has been officially blamed on PG&E, which now faces bankruptcy (as does the [State of California](#), following the cut-off of FEMA disaster funds to cover losses).

Signatures observed by firemen [on the ground](#) in Paradise tell a [very interesting](#) story:

- Warped and mangled steel, with every car scorched and every tire burned to oblivion.
- Temperatures were hot enough to melt aluminum and glass, hence at least 3 times hotter (3900 F) than the average house fire (1300 F).
- Metal burned, but carports, plastic trash cans and fences, trees and shrubbery were unaffected.
- Anomalous scars riddled surrounding forests, as if they were scorched by a huge blowtorch.

[DEWs are invisible](#), inaudible, and unaffected by gravity, wind and Coriolis forces. They travel with pinpoint accuracy at light-speed, with near infinite range, and can be land-based, or mounted on aircraft, drones, satellites or Boeing X-37's.

This terrible weapon is in the hands of the U.S. federal government and potentially other governmental powers, and is able to destroy objects with energetic beams from multiple platforms.

As long as major media is "onboard" with coverups, DEW can and will be



used with impunity by the deep state—potentially with greater frequency as(if) Trump continues to make progress in draining the swamp.

(You can read the rest of [this article](#) on Wayne Peterson's website.)

Climate Change Truth. In a copyrighted [presentation](#), Petersen told an audience that a new world is being "designed" right now. We live in an "electric universe," in which charged particles and magnetic fields drive cycles, with energy being the basis of everything. Currently, we are experiencing a 1000% increase in received energy as we move through the plane of the Milky Way galaxy. The sun and the functioning of the planets are changing, and the human DNA spiral is being altered. Earth's magnetic field is collapsing, with cosmic energy at an all-time high. Sunspots are hitting lows equivalent to the mini-ice age of 1816, when there was "no summer."

By October 1 of 2023, all planets will occupy a single quadrant: the 3% orbital elongation could lead to a mini-ice age, with the sun "going to sleep" in 2030 (the last ice age lasted 500 years). If that's not enough, earth is expanding as it absorbs an endless flow of cosmic rays—whose plasma turns into mass inside earth—resulting in sinkholes and falling sea levels.

Planet X is a Neptune-sized Milky Way planet which may be just now re-entering the solar system... New technologies are taking and transforming jobs. Bottom line: if you think you know what's happening, you DON'T! Due to the magnitude and rapidity of ongoing changes, Petersen maintains that "It is impossible for anyone to know what's really going on ... at any level."

Peterson predicts a 36 year transition, followed by 1-15,000 years of peace, as "The earth is swept by extraordinary rapid waves of Cosmic Electricity" and a new world emerges from the old world.

"To wear an improper expression on your face ... was itself a punishable offence. There was even a word for it in Newspeak: FACECRIME, it was called." – George Orwell, "1984"

"These are the times that try men's souls." – Thomas Paine

FUNNIES

For those who love British humor, behold: [plank wars](#)



George Orwell's 1984, a masterpiece about an all-controlling centralized government that runs on lies, terror and propaganda contains three Party slogans:

- War is Peace
- Freedom is Slavery
- Ignorance is Strength

Now, thanks to climate hucksters, we can add a fourth:

- Frigid weather means our planet is getting warmer.



The Weakest Link.....

Here is a very simple four question test to determine the level of your intellect. Your replies must be spontaneous and immediate, with no deliberating or wasting time. And no cheating. Mark, set....GO!!!

1: You are competing in a race, and overtake the runner who is in second place. In which position are you now?

Answer: If you answered that you're now coming first then you're completely wrong. You overtook the second runner and took their place, therefore you're coming second.

For the next question try not to be so dim.

2 : If you overtake the last runner, what position are you now in?

Answer: If you answered second-last, once again you're completely wrong. Think about it...How can you overtake the person coming last? If you're behind them then they can't be last. The answer is impossible!! It would appear that thinking is not one of your strong points. You would make a good weak link!!!

Anyway, here's another to try, don't take any notes or use a calculator, and remember your replies must be instantaneous. Take heart!! (that was the dictionary's suggestion)

3 : Take 1000. Add 40.
 Add another 1000.
 Add 30. 1000 again.
 Plus 20. Plus 1000.
 And plus 10.
 What is the total ?

Answer: 5000??? Wrong again!!!! The correct answer is 4100. Try again with a good calculator. Today is clearly not your day!! Although you should manage to get the last question right...

4 : Marie's father has five daughters:

1. Chacha
2. Cheche
3. Chichi
4. Chocho
5. ????

Question: What is the fifth daughter's name? Think quickly...you'll find the answer below...

