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TPP: corporate winners, agriculture loses

Both NZ and Australia will likely be net beneficiaries of today's TPPA. This link below outlines some of the wins and losses. We always knew exporters would benefit and our drug costs would rise...

<http://www.interest.co.nz/rural-news/77970/tpp-deal-finally-done-pm-says-deal-eliminates-tariffs-93-nz-exports-us-japan-canada>

There will be a lot of arguing and posturing before we are locked in.

Economic optimism?

Well the markets seem to think so....from Seeking Alpha...

“Global markets are off to a strong start to the week. The Nikkei closed above 18,000 for the first time in two weeks to set an early positive tone. The index ended **1.58% higher** as investors took the view the U.S. Fed won't raise interest rates and hedged bets on more stimulus from the Japanese government. Financial markets in China are still closed for national holidays, but the rest of Asia followed Japan higher. Australian shares **rose 1.9%**, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng **gained 1.8%**. European markets are also off to a very strong start with resource and financial stocks leading the way. The Stoxx Europe 600 Index is **up 2.2%** in mid-day trading. Futures in the U.S. are pointing to a higher open.”

Unlike Casey's team I think demand for oil won't support a price rise in the near future...

<http://www.caseyresearch.com/articles/an-important-sign-that-oil-prices-are-bottoming>

After all there is the Iran question...

<http://peakoil.com/consumption/lifting-iran-sanctions-could-flood-worldwide-oil-market>

Then there is the shale issue offsetting that...

<http://gefira.org/en/2015/10/02/us-shale-oil-industry-will-simply-vanish/>

Or will it?

Times are so tough in the oil patch that even Rosneft is selling assets to get by...

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/06/business/energy-environment/russia-oil-giant-selling-assets.html?_r=1

Cost to (appear to) change the global climate?

The war of words has begun ahead of the Paris Climate Change junket...

<http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-34412647>

So gambling with climate hubris is going to be a monetary thing? Another lucrative service line for Goldman Sachs perhaps?

What became of the GFC?

By March 2008 most sensible people knew what was about to happen to the global economy. It was only bankers and economists with their eyes wide shut that ignored the warnings. Ever since the GFC they have remained in denial – surely they said, it wasn't that bad ..but now the conductor of the orchestra has fessed up to how serious it was and agrees many bankers should be in jail...with thanks to Tom...

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/some-wall-street-executives-should-have-gone-to-prison-bernanke-says/2015/10/04/a5e76fe2-6af6-11e5-aa5b-f78a98956699_story.html

The mainstream media are now starting to talk about going onto recession watch...while remaining in denial about causation...sheesh!

The civilisation we inherited has problems but aside from cherry-picking climate change theories, nothing is being done by governments to either reign in the banks or deal with substantive issues. There are however those who proffer ideas...e.g.

<http://prosperouswaydown.com/abel-sociocultural-boundaries/>

It is sad that many folk don't understand what the term finite means...we humans are above that stuff...

<http://www.montereyherald.com/general-news/20151003/a-state-of-drought-coachella-valley-grapples-with-shrinking-water-supplies/2>

As usual Jim Kunstler hits the nail on the head...

<http://kunstler.com/clusterfuck-nation/syriasly/>

But does oil have anything to do with Putin's Syrian adventures?

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/commodities/11911194/Russia-bombing-in-Syria-escalates-oil-price-war-with-Saudi.html>

Religious regression

I am not religious, probably because I do not believe in any of the deities that abound these days. But there is one religion that is regressive and dangerous to our society and that is Islam. Now, I don't know if these videos are correct, but I see more and more children – every school holiday – in our local mall, covered in head to toe Islamic dress...and it makes me wonder how the states of Europe (let alone New Zealand) can afford them equality when they find it impossible to conform to local customs...

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/XELWyJeKSV0?rel=0&showinfo=0>

The issue for countries like the UK is not just the question of religion of immigrants but also their use of social welfare services...

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11913392/Theresa-May-Mass-immigration-making-cohesive-society-impossible.html>

Each year in the UK there are high profile cases of immigrants taking advantage of vulnerable Britons. The UK moves closer to a dust up with the EU over this.