CALL TO ACTION:
Happy New Year and welcome to all the new readers, Associates, Merchants and RCOs! Do you know what happened to silver and why the Liberty Dollar didn't double? Please read the first three items, and get some Liberty Dollars, as it is only a matter of time before it crosses over to the new $20 Silver Base. Items #5 and #6 are quite revealing too. Are you a Liberty Associate yet? If not, this is your invitation to join the liberty party, make money, do good, and have fun! The more people who use the Liberty Dollars, the better off we will all be. And if you are still relying on the "full faith and credit of the government money" - Good luck! You are going to need it!

TABLE OF CONTENTS:

1. Liberty Dollar Did Not Crossover
2. Why Did Silver Collapse?
3. Great Silver Article by Hugo Salinas Price
4. ALD Joins FMNN and Co-Sponsors Free-Market Investment Conference
5. Associate Rate Formulas for $20 Silver Base
6. Silver Liberty vs. Silver Eagle
7. American Free Press
8. Digital Liberty Dollar Bounces Back!
9. Incident of the Month
10. Question of the Month
11. Liberty Associate of the Month
12. Quote of the Month

1. Liberty Dollar Did Not Crossover
On December 6, the 30 day moving average (30DMA) crossed over $7.50 and the Liberty Dollar moved into the 30 day slot to crossover to the new $20 Silver Base and double in face value. On December 9, after only three quick days, the 30DMA dropped below $7.50 and for the second time, the Liberty Dollar did not double.

Other than acknowledging that the ecometrics features designed into the currency performed exactly as planned (note March and April newsletter for specific details), there are two noteworthy points. First, on November 12, the first day that spot silver was over $7.50, the 30DMA was already $7.22! This was dynamically different than when the Liberty Dollar first tried to crossover in April and failed after eight days. The fact that the 30DMA was trailing so close to the spot price was evidence of the enormous base that silver had built since April 2004. So market judgment indicated that this time the crossover was more likely to happen. But it did not happen. Why did silver collapse? That is the second noteworthy point and the subject of the following article. Suffice it to say, it is the unplanned free market that demands a disciplined currency because no one, and most certainly not the government, will ever know what any one person will do. Please read the following article to understand why silver collapsed and why the Liberty Dollar is designed as it is - to bar it from such unexpected events.

2. Why Did Silver Collapse?
Everything has a reason, or so reason seems to dictate. Its man's quest to find that reason. So it was quite natural to ask, "Why did silver collapse?"
First a few particulars and then the answer according to this writer. The silver market, although quite important to thousands of users, millions of people, and the Liberty Dollar, it is in all reality a very small market. In comparison to the New York Stock Exchange it not even a days worth of volume. Compared to gold, it does not measure up in price or verse and is usually relegated to being the 'poor man's gold'. In all reality silver moves sympathetically with gold and there lies the key to understanding why the 30 DMA of silver collapsed and the Liberty Dollar did not crossover to the new $20 Silver Base.

It is important to note that it was not just the silver market that dropped so noticeably. Gold dropped too. So to understand what happened to derail these well-established markets, we have to look at the big figures even though both the gold and silver markets have small volume. We need to think in millions of dollars and "metric tons". A metric ton is 1,000 kilograms. A kilogram is about 2.2 pounds, so a metric ton is about 200 pounds heavier than our regular avoirdupois ton. And as a Troy ounce (unit of weight for precious metals) is 31.15 gram, a kilogram is about 32.15 Troy ounces. So a metric ton is also 32,150 Troy ounces.

Now on December 6, the price of gold was $453.30 and silver was $7.90. Two days later, on December 8, gold dropped to $436.80 and silver plummeted to $7.08. The metals continued to drift down and closed the week at $433.40 and $6.68, gold losing 3-1/2% and silver over 15%! What could have possibly torpedoed the market? Enter the bad guys and the world's largest gold fund that was launched on November 18, 2004 just two weeks before this wipeout. The fund, StreetTracks Gold Shares was started by the major bullion banks, many of the same guys who are rumored to own the Federal Reserve: including JP Morgan Chase Bank, ScotiaMocatta, Deutsche Bank AG, HSBC Bank USA, and UBS AG. Operating in plain sight under the old edict 'I sold it - it is mine' they can be found at http://www.streettracksgoldshares.com.

Now on December 6, Gold Shares' inventory stood at 103.56 metric tonnes. That is whopping 3,329,454 Troy ounces of pure gold! On December 7, their inventory dropped to 88.02 metric tonnes. That is a drop of 15.54 metric tonnes, or an unbelievable 15% of their inventory with a street value of over $1,503,043,000 with gold at $451.50 on December 7th, day it was sold! Over $1.5 billion in one day!

A drop of 15%!? Obviously, someone on the inside wanted their gold and they didn't give a damn about the market. Or did they? It would appear that they wanted cash (dollars or euros) vs. gold and they wanted it NOW... before the New Year. And they got it! Remember even Warren Buffet, with all of his billions, couldn't get delivery of all of his 130 million ounces of silver. We are talking about 15.54 metric tonnes … 3.3 million ounces of 9999 fine gold or $1.5 billion USD delivered in one day!

Hummm… Who do you think could command such power over the fund that is owned by the largest, meanest banksters in the world? Just think, who in the world has not just that kind of money? Who's got that kind of pull? Would it be the Rothschilds? Could this be the result of them "getting out of the gold (public) market"? After all, there is nothing more private than precious metals and the Rothschilds...

Back in the April issue of the Liberty Dollar News, we featured an article: "Rothschild to pull out of gold market after 200 years" by James Moore for the Daily Telegraph. Registration interestingly dated on April 15. 2004. We titled our article with the question: "Rothschilds Quitting the Gold Market?" and I asked, 'Who bought all the gold that the Bank of England sold a few years ago?' Who has "all the money in the world"? Who has consistently been ahead of the monetary curve and would have insider knowledge that the world's economic system was going to tank. And who wanted to profit from all that gold, but couldn't because their gold was in the Bank of England? None other than the Rothschilds."
There is no doubt that, whoever got the 15.54 tonnes of gold worth $1.5 billion, collapsed the market. Dumb? Definitely not, because as any well seasoned trader knows, this presented not only an enormous amount of money, it also provided a gigantic buying opportunity to step back in and buy even more gold at greatly depressed prices… But wait, we are talking about the best metal traders in the world. We are talking about NM Rothschild that was founded in 1810 by Nathan Mayer Rothschild. The same company that has chaired the London Bullion Exchange right in their own office, and "fixed" the world gold price twice a day since it was incorporated in 1919. Why buy milk when a cow is cheap? Any smart trader would not buy gold, they would buy cheap silver, down 15%! After all silver moves sympathetically with gold. It was bound to collapse because the silver market is even smaller than gold and is much more volatile. Silver provides a much better buy… for Rothschild and us!

As Simon Weeks, chairman of the London Bullion Market Association, said about Rothschild, "It is very sad to lose such a long-established member of the gold market but we have lost participants before, such as Credit Suisse, and the market will continue." Long established member, indeed! It was Rothschild and Mocatta, who date back to the founding of the Bank of London in 1694, that started the London bullion market! I don't think anyone with 15.54 metric tonnes of gold (or maybe over 1,000 metric tonnes of silver!) could possibly be considered 'out of the gold (silver) market'. Is Credit Suisse out of the gold market? No, nor is Rothschild. They just 'pulled out' of the 'public' trading of gold to make more money, privately.

As I concluded in the April article: Oh, those poor (Rothschild) guys! As all markets have become more 'democratic' with the rise of the Internet and as GATA raises the consciousness about the manipulation in the metals market, I think Rothschild simply decided to play it safe with their gold and "pull out". In this regard, I think we should take a lesson from the shrewd old Rothschilds and 'pull out' our money and get into Liberty Dollars ASAP.

StreetTRACKS Gold Shares can be found at: http://www.streettracksgoldshares.com
The direct link to their gold inventory is:
http://www.streettracksgoldshares.com/us/value/gb_value_usa.php#2

PS: I am considering starting an "Investment Club"… What's interesting about StreetTracks Gold Shares is that it is a publicly traded fund that allows short selling. Do you like the idea of making money off the powers behind the Federal Reserve? Well, those guys have a history of stealing from everyone (its called inflation) and making the wrong bets in the option market. Remember Long Term Capital Management a few years ago? Well, I am considering starting an "Investment Club", limited to Liberty Associates and devoted exclusively to following a proven option trader for fun and profit. Please note options have a limited loss (i.e. you can lose everything but nothing more than what you put into the club) so this is definitely not for everyone. So if you are interested in doubling your FRNs or more in a year, please email your name and confirm that you are a Liberty Associate to me for the particulars.

3. Great Silver Article by Hugo Salinas Price
December 17, 2004: A very well focused article from the Liberty Dollar perspective...

SILVER'S THREE FLAGS
By Hugo Salinas Price

Silver as a vehicle for popular savings, has turned out to be a very effective flag that has gathered support amongst the principal Mexican political parties, which in everything else are deeply at odds with one another.
This past 30th of November, the 31 governors of all the states that make up the Mexican Republic sent a communiqué to the "Ways and Means" Committee of the Mexican House of Representatives, in which they expressed their unanimous approval of the monetization of silver and urged the Committee to approve a bill which aims to achieve precisely this objective.

176 Mexican newspaper writers put their signatures to full page declarations by the Journalists' Club in the main newspapers of Mexico City, also in support of the monetization of the "Libertad" silver ounce.

A permanent organization of ex legislators also expressed their support for the measure in favor of the monetization of silver.

A poll by national T.V. Azteca, revealed that 96% of viewers approved of the monetization of the silver ounce, when asked if they were, or were not, in favor.

The Bank of Mexico, Mexico's Central Bank, is adamantly opposed to this measure. It does not want the public to have the opportunity of saving in monetized silver. It wants to maintain its unblemished monopoly on the printing of Mexico's money, which has no intrinsic value, and does not want the public to have any alternative for its savings, other than bills or bank deposits.

The Bank of Mexico sent a group of twelve men to the meeting of the Ways and Means Committee on the 30th of November, in order to confuse and cow the members of this committee, and forestall a favorable vote on the bill to monetize silver.

We do not know how the members of the Committee will cast their decisive vote, when the time comes. Even in case their vote should be negative, we can predict, by the support given to this reasonable and salutary measure in the interest of Mexico, that the idea of monetizing silver will not die.

The idea of using silver as money that cannot be devalued, for savings by the people, is now firmly rooted in the public conscience of Mexico. An idea on the march is a force that does not die easily. Suppressed, it will only gather more strength. Such is the history of all ideas.

But silver flies another, more important flag.

In the mid-19th Century, when modern Italy had not yet taken shape and was still under the domination of Austria-Hungary, there was sown the idea that Italy should be reborn as a united and self-governed State, and that the domination of Austria-Hungary should be expelled.

Garibaldi came forward as a leader of this "resurgence" of the Italian fatherland.

A young composer, Giuseppe Verdi, composed an opera to symbolize Italy under the heel of Austria-Hungary: Nabuco was its name. The Hebrews captured by Nabuco, the Babilonian king, symbolized the Italians under the rule of Austria-Hungary.

One hymn of this opera was so moving, that it spread like wildfire among the population. It became impossible to frustrate the resurgence of Italy. Verdi's hymn is, to this day, the national anthem of Italy.
This is silver's second flag: national union, with a consciousness of our own worth, our own culture and our independence. A national consolidation will take place when we once again take up silver, our ancestral money.

However, there is another still greater flag for silver:

Silver turned into Mexican money, circulating in parallel with paper money, no matter how insignificant the importance of that small amount of silver in the nation's economy, means that Mexicans will always remember that silver can actually be used as real, honest money. And that as the years pass, it will always be there, inviting us to use it in the most dangerous and dark times that may come.

Silver in circulation will serve to remind us that it is possible for a society to use silver and benefit from the use of real money, honest money. Otherwise, it is possible that we may forget this, as has happened to many nations in the world.

When Mexico monetizes silver, it will become a lighthouse of hope for the world, a light that shows the way out of the swamp of slavery and perpetual impoverishment that comes with paper money.

Paper money, which is today the only kind of money in the world, ensures economic and therefore political control over the populations that use it. The planet's banking caste that issues paper money and virtual, electronic money, threatens to become the sovereign power through the fictitious money it issues, and aspires to dominate all humanity.

The outcome of paper money is the dehumanization of the human race.

This is silver's third and most important flag: the cause of humanity.

Silver's flags, therefore, are three:

The flag of people's savings.
The flag of national union.
The flag of the preservation of men, from dehumanization.

The silver coin as money: an idea that has taken life and will not be suppressed.

(This article, translated by the author, appeared in Spanish on the 11th of December, 2004, in "La Jornada", a Mexico City newspaper.)

Website for Hugo Salinas Price: http://www.plata.com.mx/

4. ALD Joins FMNN and Co-Sponsors Free-Market Investment Conference
In a recent meeting with Tony Wile, the founder and energy behind Free-Market News and Network (FMNN), the Liberty Dollar welcomed Tony as a new Liberty Associate and joined FMNN.

Free Market News Network (FMNN) provides "private solutions to public problems" via FMNN editorials, radio and eTV. It is known for suggesting innovative ways to use the Free Market to combat government interference by reconfiguring the relationship between public and private sectors in the 21st century.
As Tony Wile said, "Technology breaks down regulatory barriers. In the early 21st century, the world, and the West in particular, is seeing convulsive change. While more and more laws are passed and taxes levied in pursuit of public solutions, a groundswell of support for the benefits of private enterprise is evident in numerous websites and blogs on the Internet." FMNN itself is an independent, free-market alternative to mainstream media complexes. Its key to success is to attract thousands of members and offer private approaches to public problems on a daily basis. Visit FMNN at: http://www.freemarketnews.com/portfolio/index.php. And if you have high-speed connection, check out the new 30 minute eTV special interview on the Liberty Dollar or contact the office for a DVD.

In addition to creating the synergy between such free market twins, Tony and I have joined forces to co-sponsor the first Free-Market Investment Conference in nice warm Florida this March 18 & 19 - a combination of the Silver Conference I had been planning and Tony's, Free Market Conference. The Free-Market Investment Conference is now planned for Friday night with all the speakers in a Meet and Greet so the participants will have the opportunity to personally meet their favorite presenters and a very full Saturday. Two fellow Liberty Associates, G. Edward Griffin and David Morgan, the noted Silver Guru, will be two of the top name presenters. In total there will be a dozen national speakers that will provide leading edge info on the Free Market, silver's potential, and what you can do to capitalize on the world situation today. I hope you will join us for this very special event. We will be posting an "ALERT" with all the info, registration, etc. soon.

5. Associate Rate Formulas for $20 Silver Base
Recently, there have been a lot of discussions about the rate of exchange for Liberty Associates when the Liberty Dollar crosses over to the new $20 Silver Base. Please allow me to clarify this matter for everyone.

But first, many people wonder if the $20 Silver Base will be successful? Oh yes! For those who are new to the Liberty Dollar and have doubts that merchants will accept a $20 Silver Liberty when the spot price of silver is 'only' $12, let me remind you that this crazy notion was very prevalent when the Liberty Dollar was introduced with silver at 'only' $4 or $5 per ounce! Most merchants know nothing about the silver market, let alone 'spot'. Most don't even know anything about FRNs or that they are frauds. But they know that the Silver Liberty feels good and that it has intrinsic value regardless of anything else. That is usually enough.

So as your money is important, so are its rate formulas. Just as we have an open audit, and an independent source for the 30DMA, there are no secrets to the Liberty Dollar rate formulas. Please note: The rates model starts with the RCO rate and the Associate Rate is based on the RCO rate.

Nomenclature for the Rate Formulas is:
RCO - Regional Currency Office
LA - Liberty Associate or Merchant
FV - Face Value
S - Spot Silver Price
F - Fabrication & Overhead
Q - Quote (rate)
RCOQ (RCO Quote) and LAQ (Liberty Associate Quote)

Formulas for the one ounce Silver Liberty:
RCOQ = S + F
LAQ = (FV - RCOQ) (0.50) + RCOQ
Quotes for one ounce $10 Silver Libertys at $10 Silver Base:
RCOQ = S + F (minimum of 1,000 ounces in any combination of currency)
Example at $6/oz silver: RCOQ = 6 + 1.50 = $7.50 (Shipping costs are not included in these calculations.)
Example at $8.50/oz silver: RCOQ = 8.50 + 1.50 = $10

LAQ = (FV - RCOQ) (0.50) + RCOQ
Example at $6/oz silver: LAQ = 10 - 7.50 X 0.50 + 7.50 = $8.75
Example at $8.50/oz silver: LAQ = 10 - 10 X 0.50 + 10 = $10*
* NOTE: Due to mfg and overhead there is a period when the formula does not work. This period is called "no man's land" because nobody wants to be there. But to get to the new $20 Silver Base, we must go through it to "Crossover". During this time the RCOs create their own pricing. When spot silver is over $8.50 NORFED uses an intern pricing for the later period of the 30 days required to Crossover.

Quotes for one ounce $20 Silver Libertys at $20 Silver Base:
RCOQ = S + F (minimum of 1,000 ounces in any combination of currency)
Example at $8/oz silver: RCOQ = 8 + 3 = $11
Example at $10/oz silver: RCOQ = 10 + 3 = $13
Example at $12/oz silver: RCOQ = 12 + 3 = $15
Example at $15/oz silver: RCOQ = 15 + 3 = $18

LAQ = (FV - RCOQ) (0.50) + RCOQ
Example at $8/oz silver: LAQ = 20 - 11 X 0.50 + 11 = $15.50**
Example at $10/oz silver: LAQ = 20 - 13 X 0.50 + 13 = $16.50
Example at $12/oz silver: LAQ = 20 - 15 X 0.50 + 15 = $17.50
Example at $15/oz silver: LAQ = 20 - 18 X 0.50 + 18 = $19
** Our earlier experience has taught us to set the maximum Associate discount at 20% from face value; therefore the Associate Quote at $8 silver would be $16, not $15.50. We anticipate this period to be very brief but any windfall would help compensate the RCOs for their losses during the period in "no man's land" just prior to the Crossover.

Formulas for the half ounce Silver Liberty
RCOQ = S/2 + F
LAQ = (FV - RCOQ) (0.50) + RCOQ

Quotes for half ounce $10 Silver Liberty at $20 Silver Base:
RCOQ = S/2 + F (minimum of 1,000 ounces in any combination of currency)
Example at $8/oz silver: RCOQ = 8/2 + 1.50 = $5.50
Example at $10/oz silver: RCOQ = 10/2 + 1.50 = $6.50
Example at $12/oz silver: RCOQ = 12/2 + 1.50 = $7.50
Example at $15/oz silver: RCOQ = 15/2 + 1.50 = $9

LAQ = (FV - RCOQ) (0.50) + RCOQ
Example at $8/oz silver: LAQ = 10 - 5.50 X 0.50 + 5.50 = $7.75***
Example at $10/oz silver: LAQ = 10 - 6.50 X 0.50 + 6.50 = $8.25
Example at $12/oz silver: LAQ = 10 - 7.50 X 0.50 + 7.50 = $8.75
Example at $15/oz silver: LAQ = 10 - 9 X 0.50 + 9 = $9.50
*** Our earlier experience has taught us to set the maximum Associate discount at 20% from face value; therefore the Associate Quote at $8 silver would be $8, not $7.75. We anticipate this period to be very
brief but any windfall would help compensate the RCOs for their losses during the period in "no man's
land" just prior to the Crossover.

Crossover point from the $10 to the $20 Silver Base is $7.50 30DMA
Crossover point from the $20 to the $50 Silver Base is $16.00 30DMA
Crossover point from the $50 to the $100 Silver Base is $41.50 30DMA
Crossover point from the $100 to the $250 Silver Base is $84.00 30DMA
Crossover point from the $250 to the $500 Silver Base is $211.50 30DMA

Many thanks for all your discussions. A lot of education is going on about money and that is good
because the only way back to "just weights and measures" is for regular people to understand the god
awful criminal mess we are in and stop using their money!

6. Silver Liberty vs. Silver Eagle
Thursday, December 09.2004
Silver Spot $ 7.45 on Kitco.com
Silver Eagle $10.51 on Kitco.com
Silver Liberty $ 9.77 on LibertyDollar.org

Frank Findley, who supplied these quotes, also pointed out that there is a shipping charge which adds a
minimum of $0.15 to each and usually adds ~$0.30 - $0.50 [to the government issue], but you don't have
this added charge if you go to your friendly Regional Currency Office to get your ALDs. Thank you
Frank!

Of all the ways to buy an ounce of gold or silver, without a doubt, the most popular brand name is the
Gold and Silver "Eagle" by the US Treasury. So in a dog-eat-dog investment world of "How cheap can I
get it?" the conventional wisdom would be that the Eagle must be the best priced and anything else
would be exchanging at a rate equal to or above the corresponding sales prices of other corresponding
bullion items! Right? Think again.

On Thursday, December 9, 2004, the spot price of silver on well-known Kitco.com was quoted at $7.45.
The one ounce Silver Eagle was $10.51 while the privately minted Silver Liberty was only $9.77. Once
again private enterprise exemplifies that it can provide the same product or even a better product for less
than the government, even in the field of money.

So is the "Liberty" really better than the "Eagle"? After all, both are round and contain one Troy ounce
of .999 fine silver. Now just looking at the two, it is immediately noticeable that both have very
handsome designs. But the Liberty has a beautiful "proof like" finish while the Eagle has a gray, dull,
"government like" appearance. But the comparison does not end with appearance or price.

The US Treasury calls their Silver Eagle an investment. Why? Because it cannot be used in commerce.
NORFED never refers to the Silver Liberty as an investment, because it is a currency that is actually
used in commerce. Who would buy a Silver Eagle for $10.51 and spend it at its face value of $1.00?
Nobody! While, the upstart, free market American Silver Liberty is available for only $9.77, and it can
be used for its face value of $10. Duh, which would you prefer? Pay too much and use it for a $1.00 or
pay less and use it for $10? Sounds like free enterprise at its finest.

The Liberty Dollar brings competition to the market place and presents an undeniable comparison
between cost of government services and the free market, private sector. In an environment where
NORFED must pay for every expense but the government does not, like its rent and other overhead costs, the privately minted Gold and Silver Libertys still wins in the market place on price, appearance, and functionality.

So why isn't the Silver Liberty Dollar the big dog in the marketplace? For the same reason that FedEx is not as big as the US Postal Service. Government agencies, like the US Treasury and Postal Service enjoy an "exulted" place in the mind of the poorly informed consumer, simply because they are a "government agency". But wait, maybe you are not a "poorly informed consumer" and know that the Federal Reserve is not part of the government and probably have some Liberty Dollars. This is good, but until more people know the real truth about our monetary fraud, our country will continue to be enslaved with vastly inferior money.

So DO NOT be deceived! Do not pay too much for your survival gold and silver currency. Get the Liberty Dollar at a discount from its face value and use it at a profit and popularize the Solution to the government's monetary fraud.

Don't be a victim of their money. Win with the Silver Liberty Dollar!

7. American Free Press
For many of us we grew up with "The Spotlight". That outrageous, tell it like it really is, weekly publication from Washington DC, of all places! Unfortunately, The Spotlight was the target of the dark forces and a corrupt judicial system a few years ago. So the writers and staff morphed it into the American Free Press. It is still at the forefront of exposing the outrageous lies behind the Iraq war, the so-called "Patriot" Act, and all of the other high-level intrigues that the Corporate Media Monopoly won't dare touch. The American Free Press is worthy of your support. And hey, we are not talking about donation. We are talking about the last free independent weekly newspaper at a special rate for Liberty Dollar News readers of only $49 for a year's subscription.

AFP is the one major print weekly that challenges the misinformation-and the deliberate disinformation-coming from the major networks and "news" magazines and the "neo-conservative" propaganda sheets… the one no-nonsense journal that dares to challenge the corporate elite and the global powers-that-be… Subscribe to American Free Press today for just $49 - 10 bucks off the regular price for 52 weekly issues - and get a free copy of the all-new book The High Priests of War by Michael Piper (a $20 value).

To subscribe to AFP and get your FREE copy of The High Priests of War call toll free 888.699.6397 from 8 am to 8 pm EST (M-F). Or visit www.americanfreepress.net to order. For the computer savvy, you can save time and money with the AFP Online edition. Regularly $39 - Now just $29 for supporters of the Liberty Dollar and you get a free e-book edition of The High Priests of War as a special introductory gift.

Another reason to get the American Free Press is that the Liberty Dollar is featured on the back cover to the 30,000+ subscribers. We hope you will be one too. Please call 888.699.6397 to subscribe and ask them to take the Liberty Dollar!

8. Digital Liberty Dollar Bounces Back!
Ever pay with digital Liberty Dollars and the person says he never got it? Guess who got the money? You! That's right. Nine times out of ten, when we hear that 'I never got paid' it is because the merchant did not 'accept' the Liberty Dollars into his account. And what happens when a recipient does not 'accept'
the payment? The funds bounce back to you, the payee, if not accepted within 30 days. So if you are one of the new users of the digital Liberty Dollars, please remember, if you receive eLD funds, you must 'accept' them into your account within 30 days.

9. Incident of the Month

It seems like every couple of years there is a dumb Deputy Sheriff working off duty, who makes a total fool of himself and creates a serious incident for an innocent user of the Liberty Dollar. Such was the case with Bowie Ibarra in Austin, Texas in 2002 and is the case with Robert Miller in Mountain City, Georgia. I am sure this incident will be resolved, but it is always troubling at the time. Here is the report filed by Robert Miller:

Hey Bernard!

I'm glad to see things are going so well! On the other hand I had some trouble last weekend. I spent a Silver Liberty at the refreshment stand to the tune of $9.75 and received .25 back in change. Then I went in to watch the movie National Treasure. As I exited the theater back into the lobby I met some friends, and was pointed out by the cashier as the person who spent the Silver Liberty.

Apparently she had shown it to the asst. manager and the manager / owner showed it to the off duty sheriff deputy working as security that night. I gather he insisted that charges be filed against me and refused to let me explain what the Silver Liberty was or even to let me tell the owner that I was a local Liberty Associate and would be happy to take it back for $10 FRNs. Instead I was taken to the Habersham County Jail and charged with Felony forgery in the second degree.

I did some research on the net and found that Forgery: With intent to defraud or deceive, to knowingly make, alter, or possess, any writing using a fictitious name or so that it looks as if it was written by another. Note: Works of art, like paintings, can be forged as well as checks, deeds, etc. First Degree: Delivering as well as making a forgery (i.e., presenting a forged check for payment). 1-10 yrs. Second Degree: Making a forgery but not delivering the forged document. 1-5 yrs.

My friend Bob Johnston, who was at the theater and his wife are witness to the fact that the sheriff deputy declared the Silver Liberty was not even made of silver :-) because it came off on his knife when he scraped it.

My friend loaned me the money to post the bail bond and talked to the prosecutor, and investigator. He thinks the prosecutor will drop it to a misdemeanor. After I got out of jail Bob took me back to the theater and I told the owner that I would like to redeem the Silver Liberty even though it was being held as evidence. The owner told me he never thought that I was trying to defraud him and would not press charges. He hoped that I would come back to his theater, to which I said I would, as I never took this personally against him.

God Bless! Robert Miller

Editor note: Of course the Liberty Dollar is not a forgery nor counterfeit. But there is no guarantee against fools and car wrecks. But with only two or three major incidents in six years with 100,000 using the Liberty Dollar is a better bet than a car wreck. Every once in a while something like this happens. Amazingly and happily, not very often! It is obvious that the deputy sheriff was ignorant of forgery, the law, and silver. Unfortunately, an update to this incident was not available in time to bring this matter to
a happy close. Stay tuned and please contact the Office if you have an incident, even a minor one as most are, with a law or government official. Until then, let's just keep offering the Silver Libertys and returning America to value one deputy sheriff at a time.

10. Question of the Month
QUESTION: Can I have my Social Security check deposited directly to NORFED and converted into Liberty Dollars?
ANSWER: Yes. You can specify any account that you want your SS check to be deposited into. And for several years, the Liberty Dollar has provided a Monthly Currency Plan. The Plan is easy to set up, by simply specifying the amount of money and type of Liberty Dollars (metal, paper or digital) you want each month. This Plan is also available via any of the most popular credit/debit cards. Just tell the Office what card you want to use, how much you want, and they will send it out to you every month. If you have any questions, just contact the National Fulfillment Office in Evansville, Indiana at 888.421.6181 or via Truth@LibertyDollar.org.

11. Liberty Associate of the Month
It seems that every Liberty Associate has their own special way to support the Liberty Dollar. So it is neat to see how each Associate finds their own way to benefit by being involved. This month's Associate has no shortage of skills. If you have ever been to an off shore event, it is likely you have meet him. In fact, on one particular time we met off shore, while we were discussing the soon to be released SOLUTION book I showed him my photo to be used in the book. His immediate response was that it just didn't capture me and that he could do better. While I didn't have any doubts about his photographic abilities, with press time at hand, I doubted there was much to be done. To that, he simply asked me to stand up, photographed me, but the photos in the computer, asked me to make my selection and email it to the publisher! That's the type of can-do skills and great photography that has made Fredric Lehrman the Liberty Associate of the Month. Congrats to Fredric for finding such a unique way of getting his name in my book!

12. Quote of the Month
"Once a government is committed to the principle of silencing the voice of opposition, it has only one way to go, and that is down the path of increasingly repressive measures, until it becomes a source of terror to all its citizens and creates a country where everyone lives in fear." - Harry S. Truman

Closing Remarks:
Volume Six - Number 12, the end of another year for the Liberty dollar News. With every milestone, the new currency grows and grows. Now more and more Doubting Thomases are slowly coming around to accepting the fact that we can have a value-backed currency if we simply start using it. If you are new to the Liberty Dollar, sign up for the Discussion Forum online at www.LibertyDollar.org and get your questions answered and get involved. Please don't wait until it is too late. There is an enormous potential for you as the Liberty Dollar slowly grows to greater acceptance and the price of silver rises. Plus it is truly fun to use the new gold and silver currency!

Happy New Year to everyone in the Liberty Economy and thank you for your continued support. For it is only by banding together and adopting a free and independent currency which provides us with "just weights and measures" that we will be able to throw off the yoke of a manipulated monetary system and generate a peaceful and prosperous society.

Thanks again for all your efforts to return America to value - one dollar at a time!