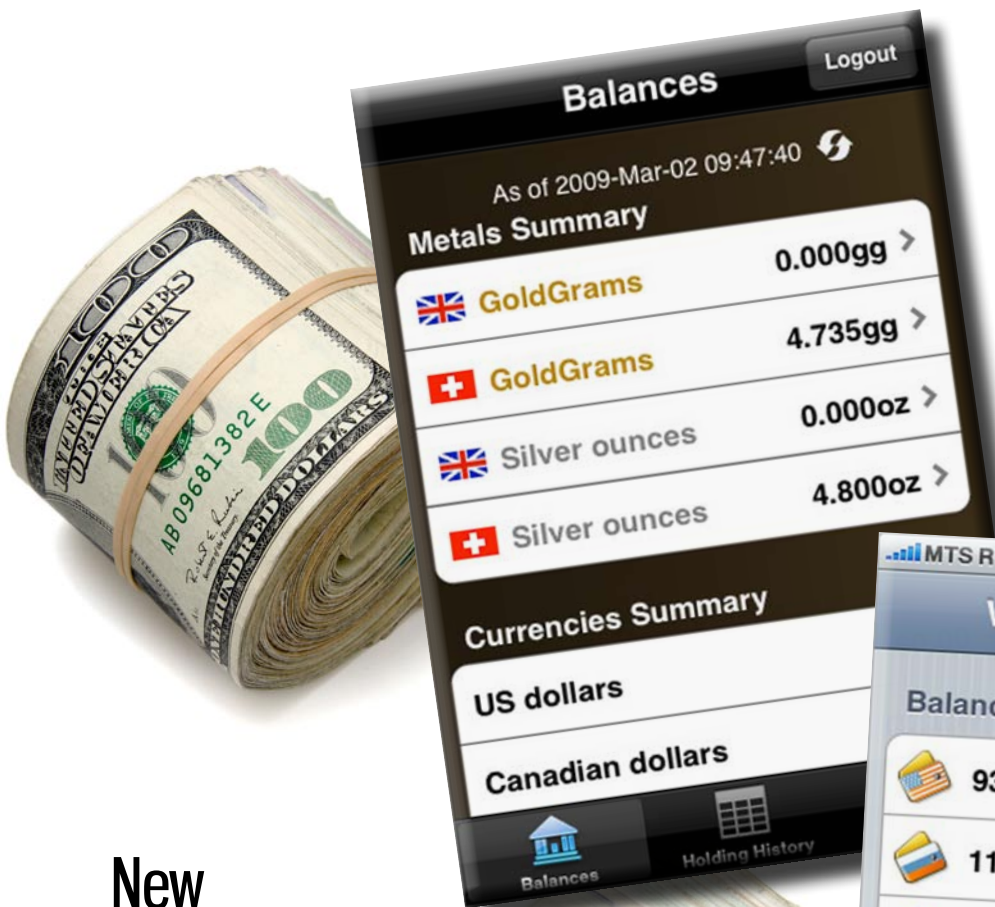


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THE WAR ON INNOVATION

Bernard von NotHaus has been labeled as a domestic terrorist by officials of the US government. Major agencies of that same government have labeled a huge number of people as potential terrorists, and warned police agencies to watch out for them. If you like Ron Paul, homeschool your kids, buy silver or gold, talk about economic collapse, or constitutional liberties, or have the foresight to prepare for hard times, you too qualify as a “person of interest.”

What that means is that the best best of us – those with principles and who are moving forward –

have been identified as enemies of the state. Virtue no longer matters; the state feels threatened and they consider anyone who moves ahead of the pack evil. A hell of a situation to find one’s self in... self-proclaimed saviors punishing people for their useful innovations.

But, lest you feel uniquely persecuted, allow me to remind you that this is not the first time.

THE MECHANIZED LOOM

We often think of the industrial revolution as producing cars, airplanes and refrigerators, and while that may not be a false impression, that’s not the way it started – it began with cheaper

and better ways to produce clothing.

Imagine life in the 1500s and perhaps that will make more sense to you; they had never imagined motor vehicles, but they had very clearly and consistently imagined more and better clothing – it was a daily concern.

Weaving, by the 16th Century, was controlled in European cities by powerful guilds, who had monopolies, enforced by their local rulers. These guilds did what all monopolists do – suppress competition and innovation.

It was just at this time, however, that scientific knowledge was growing and being spread cheaply with the new printing press.

Pretty soon, smart guys began imagining new things and acting on those imaginations, and they shortly addressed a gaping need by cobbling together better types of weaving equipment. That’s when the trouble began.

Here is a short list (borrowed from Production Versus Plunder) of things that happened when that era’s better product ran up against entrenched monopolists:

1586 A NEW TYPE OF MACHINE LOOM IS FORBIDDEN BY THE CITY FATHERS OF DANZIG AND ITS INVENTOR IS SECRETLY MURDERED.

1616 OFFICIAL ENGLISH DOCUMENTS REFER TO "ALIEN WEAVERS," (WEAVING MACHINES WERE ACCEPTED IN LEYDEN, FROM WHERE THESE MEN MAY HAVE COME) WHO WERE: BOLD OF LATE, TO DEVISE ENGINES FOR WORKING OF TAPE, LACES, RIBBON AND SUCH, WHEREIN ONE MAN DOES MORE AMONG THEM THAN SEVEN ENGLISH MEN CAN DO, SO AS THEIR CHEAP SALE OF THESE COMMODITIES BEGGARETH ALL OUR ENGLISH ARTIFICERS OF THAT TRADE.

1623 THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF ENGLAND ORDERS THE DESTRUCTION OF A MACHINE FOR MAKING NEEDLES.
1625 THE WEAVERS COMPANY OF LONDON BESEECHES THE CITY FATHERS: ORDER THAT NONE MAY USE THE SAID ENGINE, EXCEPT THOSE WHO ARE WEAVERS BY TRADE, FOR THEY WHICH NOW USE THEM ARE MERCHANTS AND OTHER TRADESMEN, BUT NOT WEAVERS BY TRADE.

1638 KING CHARLES I PROHIBITS THE USE OF "ENGINE, OR GREAT LOOMS," AND ADDS, "WHEREBY MUCH DECEIT IS PRACTICED."

1649 BRITISH NAVIGATION ACTS, DESIGNED TO PREVENT ECONOMIC INNOVATION IN THE COLONIES AND TO FORCE ALL THEIR PRODUCE TO PASS THROUGH ENGLISH HANDS. THIS MADE THE COLONIALS SUBJECT TO ALL ENGLISH REGULATIONS AND CRIMINALIZED ANY INNOVATIONS NOT ACCEPTED IN

ENGLAND.
1666-1730 FRANCE PUBLISHES THEIR CRAFTS CODES: 2,200 PAGES OF REGULATIONS, PRESCRIBING EVERY DETAIL OF THE ESTABLISHED CRAFT TECHNIQUES, AND FORBIDDING ANY INNOVATIONS TO THEM.

1667 THE WEAVERS COURT OF ASSISTANTS IN LONDON SENDS A GROUP OF YEOMEN TO CONDUCT A SEARCH, AND TO FIND OUT HOW MANY LOOMS WERE IN USE IN THEIR JURISDICTION, SO THAT, "A COURSE OF ACTION MAY BE DECIDED UPON."

1675 A GUILD OF LONDON AREA WEAVERS PETITIONS THE LORD MAYOR TO OUTLAW NEW "ENGINE LOOMS." IN ADDITION, THEY RIOT FOR THREE DAYS AND DESTROY NUMBERS OF SUCH MACHINES.

1686 ENGLAND OUTLAWS INDIAN CALICO FABRIC.

1698 ENGLAND OUTLAWS CLOTH BUTTONS.

FAST FORWARD
Yes, you're right, "fast forward" equals digital currency innovations versus central bankers and the states they empower. As I said before, a hell of a situation. But, here we are.

Why do we do this? It is clear that our innovations are not welcomed; it is questionable whether a somnambulant public even wants our products at the moment. Yet, we persist. Why is that?

I think the reason is clear: You

are innovators. Sure, you want money in exchange for your innovations, but you have found in yourselves the ability to see, to absorb knowledge, to combine it in useful ways, and to create. That matters deeply to you, and it matters more than the money, or even more than the risks.

By choosing innovation and creation, even at a risk, you are judging yourselves. I'll leave you to characterize the nature of that judgment; I'll only add that it puts you in some very good company.

BACK TO BERNIE

Bernie von Nothaus may indeed spend years in prison. (Though I sure hope not.) If he does, I am sure he'll have dark moments where he doubts his strategy. But I don't think he'll doubt whether he was right about honest money; I think it will be very clear in his mind the he was, and that the people who jailed him were thugs.

Some day, Bernie will die. (May it be a long, long time from now.) As he faces his mortality, do you think he'll be ashamed about what he has done?

I don't.

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VIETNAM FIRM LAUNCHES E-WALLET WEBMONEY

Bui Huu Nhat (R), VNO information security director, signs a cooperation deal with Nguyen Van Long, deputy director of GaPit Communication Joint Stock Co. - Photo: Dinh Nghia



Vietnam Online Trading Services Joint Stock Co. (VNO) on Thursday introduced e-wallet WebMoney Vietnam (WMV) to help customers access online payment services globally.

The product allows customers to pay electricity and telephone bills, do the online shopping and transfer money. Customers can also use the product to withdraw money at banks associated with VNO or WMV agents. VNO managing director Nguyen Thieu Quang said the product plays an intermediary role in transactions and does not solve disputes between the buyer and the seller.

“To protect buyers, WMV will freeze buyer accounts for three days and transfer money to seller accounts if no disputes occur,” Quang explained.

Customers can put money into the e-wallet via bank accounts or scratch cards. However, they will be subjected to 1-2% charges for scratch cards and transaction fees of around 0.8% for online shopping.

VNO has cooperated with service providers to give 5% to 10% discounts for customers using the product, Quang added.

During the introduction ceremony, the enterprise signed cooperation deals with five companies – Toc Do Trading, GaPit Communication, Brilliant Chip, Green Mobile and Naiscorp – to connect to their websites.

<http://en.baomoi.com/Home/economy/www2.dtinews.vn/Vietnam-firm-launches-ewallet-WebMoney/138214.epi>

If George III Had Internet Surveillance:

Thomas Jefferson

Died July 3, 1776

After-action report:

The Office of Colonial Security had monitored suspicious transmissions between one Thomas Jefferson, who is described as studious and secretive, and at least a dozen other radical extremists, over a period of months. Finally, on July the second, they agreed together to execute their plan. Acting selflessly to preserve our way of life, agents of the Colonial Security Administration risked their lives storming the homes of the traitors and arrested them. However, the author of their extremist manifesto, Jefferson, after apparently setting his home afire with oil lamps, died in the resulting conflagration. All known copies of the manifesto were destroyed in the above-mentioned actions.

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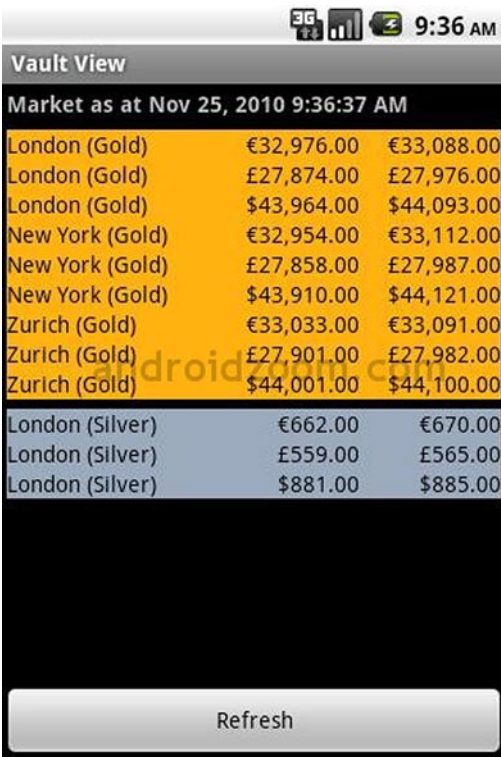
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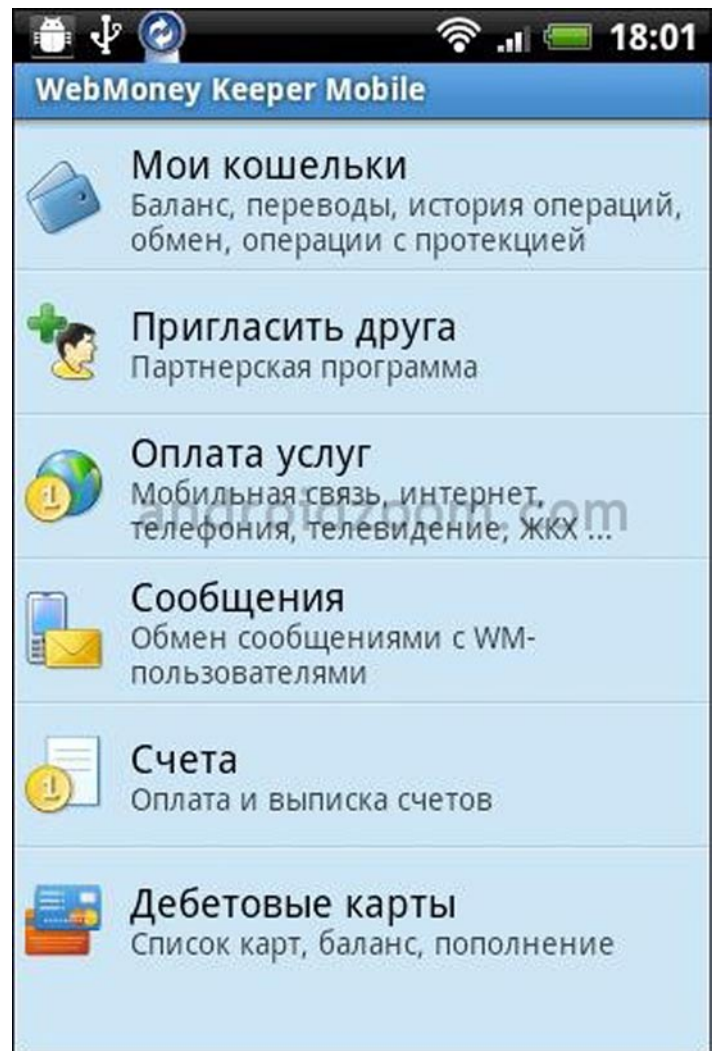
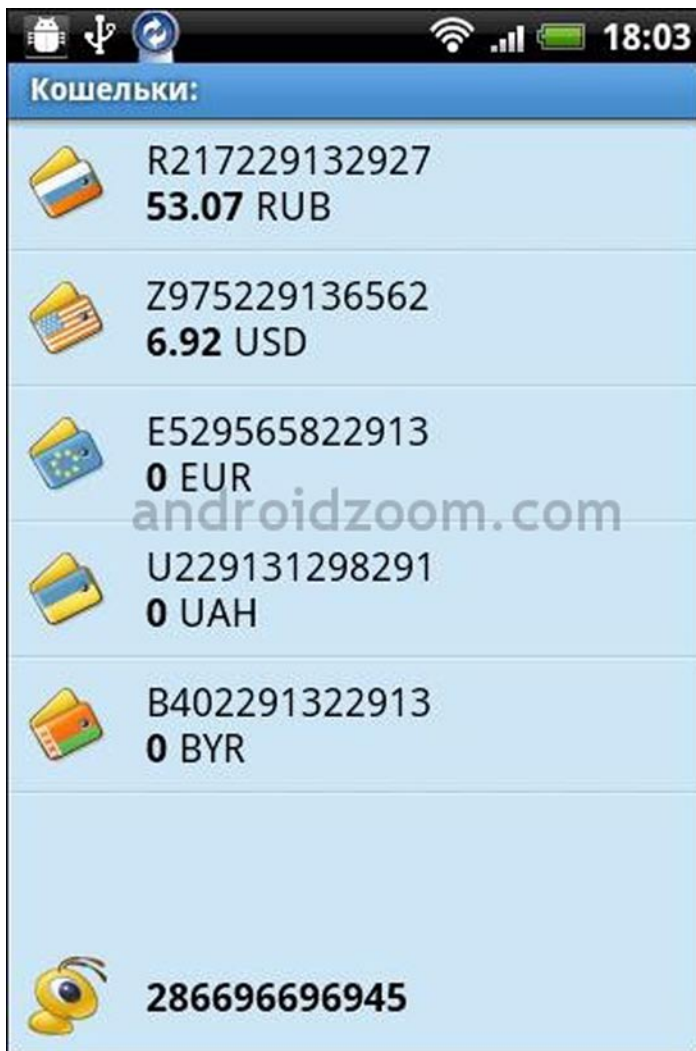
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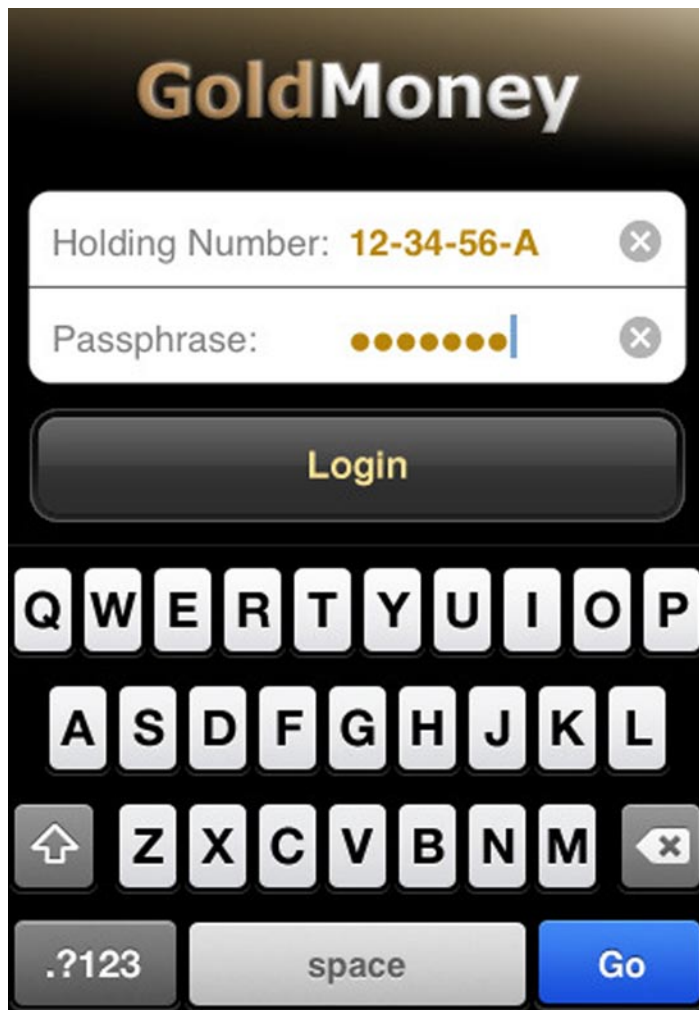
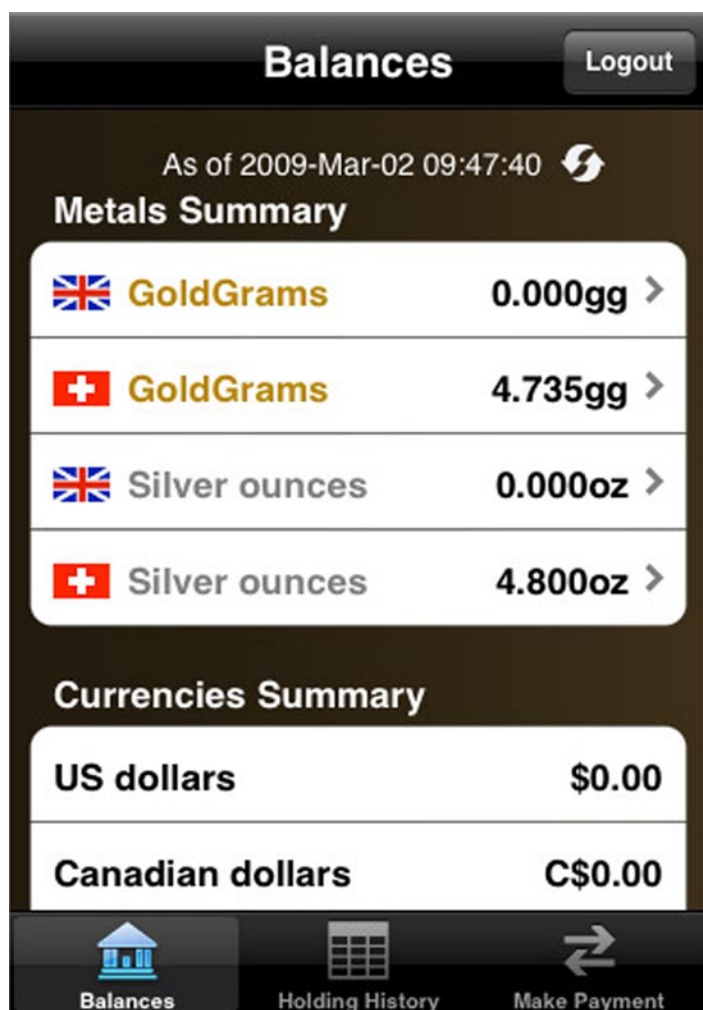
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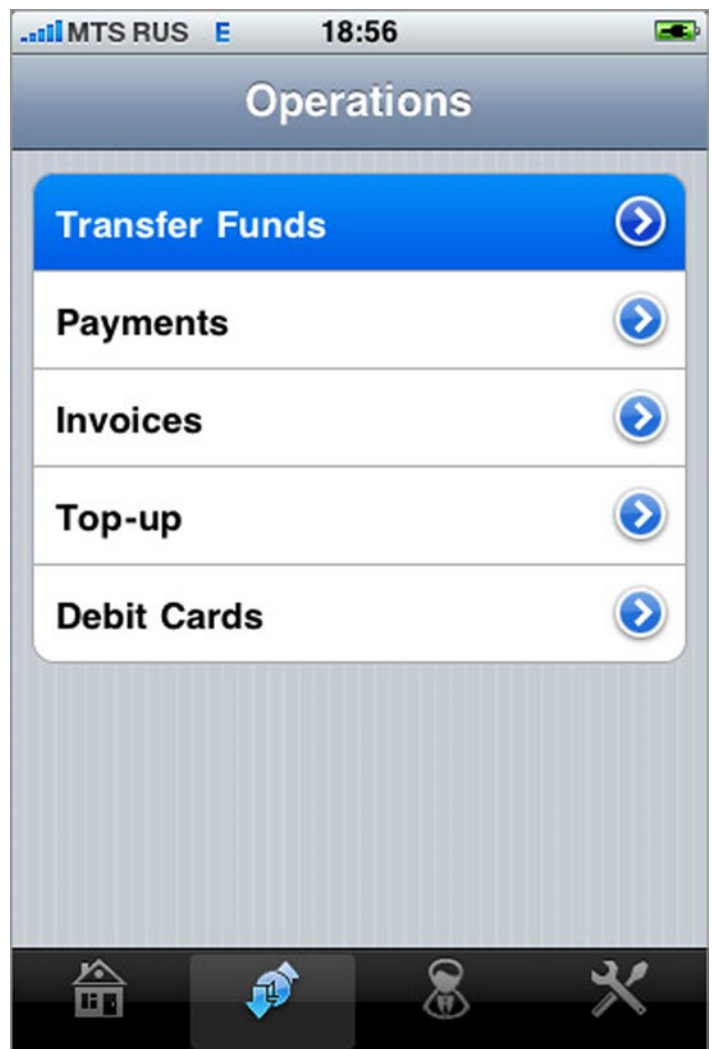
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GATA consultants Turk and Vieira to speak May 12 at CMRE in New York

GATA consultants James Turk, founder of GoldMoney, and monetary historian and lawyer Edwin Vieira will be among the speakers at the spring dinner meeting of the Committee for Monetary Research and Education on Thursday, May 12, at the beautiful Union League Club on East 37th Street in New York City, a short walk south on Park Avenue from Grand Central Station. The theme of the meeting will be "Confusion, Conflicts, Collapses -- The Terminal Phase of the Dollar Crisis." Other speakers will be James Grant of Grant's Interest Rate Observer; Daniel Oliver Jr. of Myrmikan Capital; renowned trader Victor Sperandeo of Enhanced Alpha Technologies; Leonard Liggio of Atlas Research; and Bob Hoye of Institutional Advisers. Cocktails will be served at 4 p.m. and the proceedings will begin at 4:30 p.m., with dinner served around 6. Admission will be \$175 for CMRE members and their spouses, \$185 for others. A reservation form can be found here:

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WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR U.S. BANK CLOSES

**THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING TO FALL BACK ON. EVERYTHING IS IN THE HANDS OF THE FED AND THE BANKING SYSTEM. IF IT GOES KAPUT, WHAT THEN?
-HUGO SALINAS PRICE, INTERVIEW WITH JAMES TURK**

As history has shown, when a country's financial dominoes start to fall the markets collapse very quickly. There is no time for the average business person to consider changing banks or payment processing. When financial markets and banks go bad it often happens overnight and small business owners simply get shut out.

In August 1998, Russia experienced a severe financial crisis also known as the "ruble crisis". While this collapse engulfed Russia, it caused a severe erosion of investor confidence and a chain-reaction which is now described as a run on the Central Bank.

On August 13, 1998, the Russian stock, bond, and currency markets collapsed as a result of investor fears that the government would devalue the ruble and/or default on its Sovereign debt. As prices plummeted, the stock market had to be closed for 35 minutes. Upon opening back up, across the board losses in the stock market had reached 65% of it's value.

Here is a small sampling of the events which occurred in the first three weeks of the crisis. Keep in mind that the institutions listed here were some of the largest banks in Russia.

ON AUG. 14, IMPERIAL BANK AND SBS-AGRO STOPPED ALL PAYMENTS.

ON AUG. 17, THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT DEVALUED THE RUBLE, DEFAULTED ON DOMESTIC DEBT, AND DECLARED A MORATORIUM ON PAYMENT TO FOREIGN CREDITORS.

ON AUG. 25, IMPERIAL BANK BECAME THE FIRST BANK AFTER THE CRISIS TO HAVE ITS LICENSE REVOKED.

ON AUG. 28, SBS-AGRO WAS BROUGHT UNDER PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND GIVEN A TWO-WEEK BANK HOLIDAY.

ON OCT. 29, THE CENTRAL BANK REVOKED INKOMBANK'S LICENSE ON SEPT. 1, TOKOBANK'S LICENSE WAS REVOKED BY THE CENTRAL BANK AND ON SEPT. 3RD TOKOBANK MADE A FORMAL APPLICATION FOR BANKRUPTCY

ON SEPT. 3, SBS-AGRO, MENATEP, INKOMBANK, PROMSTROIBANK, MOST-BANK AND MOSBISNESBANK FROZE ALL PRIVATE DEPOSITS.

ON SEPT. 4, INKOMBANK, THE THIRD LARGEST BANK IN RUSSIA, WAS PLACED UNDER TEMPORARY CENTRAL BANK ADMINISTRATION. WHEN THE BANK FINALLY COLLAPSED IN OCT. FOREIGN CREDITORS LOST OVER \$800 MILLION US DOLLARS

Because of the bank closures, the Russian crisis left millions of everyday business people without cashflow or the means to continue

day to day operations. In September, barely one month later the ruble-to-US dollar exchange rate had bounced from around 7 rubles up to 21 rubles per US dollar. The Russian currency had lost two thirds of its value.

By the end of 1998, Russian inflation reached 84%. Prices for almost all local food items soared by almost 100%. The cost of imported goods quadrupled. At the start of the crisis, there were two big calling cards which started a chain reaction financial collapse.

- 1. A SEVERE EROSION OF INVESTOR CONFIDENCE
--LOSS OF CONFIDENCE--**
- 2. MARKETS COLLAPSED AS A RESULT OF INVESTOR FEARS
--FEAR--**

Sound familiar? This kind of inflationary mess is now overtaking America. Food prices are on a steep rise, oil is now more than \$112 a barrel and is projected to push gas prices to \$5 dollars a gallon by summer. (Brent crude is \$123 per barrel) Not to mention there are already 43 million Americans on monthly food stamps (14% of the US population).

These are some of the largest banks in America.

- BANK OF AMERICA**
- WELLS FARGO BANK**
- CITIBANK**
- PNC BANK**
- U.S. BANK**
- TD BANK**
- SUNTRUST BANK**
- REGIONS BANK**
- CAPITAL ONE**

If these banks begin to have serious

problems based on the U.S. dollar failing. Here are some questions that Americans need to ask themselves.

WHAT WOULD SMALL BUSINESS OPERATORS DO IF AMERICA'S FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS EXPERIENCED THE SAME TYPE OF CRISIS?

WHAT WOULD LOCALLY OWNED STORES TURN TO IF THE DOLLAR BEGAN TO DROP IN VALUE OVERNIGHT?

HOW WOULD SMALL BUSINESS OPERATORS SURVIVE IF U.S. TREASURY INVESTORS' BEGAN TO SELL THEIR PAPER AND PULL VALUE OUT OF U.S. DOLLARS?

ARE YOU PREPARED TO WEATHER THE STORM?

WILL YOUR SMALL BUSINESS SURVIVE IF MAIN STREAM BANKS THIS SIZE BEGAN CLOSING, EVEN FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME?

As they awake from an "easy credit coma", Americans should consider learning some very important lessons from the very wise and tenacious Russian population.

Russia's local economy bounced back from the 1998 financial crash with amazing speed. Their recovery can be partly credited to the fact that before the crash a large segment of Russia's economy had been operating through barter systems and other non-monetary instruments of

exchange. This is not the case in America. Open cash markets, private barter systems and local barter currencies are almost non-existent in America. Local or regional trading is not a driving force or even a small part of American business. Everyday U.S. businesses rely almost exclusively on U.S. bank credit and credit processing services. In America, the credit card is king.

The Russian financial collapse had far less of an impact on local producers because those businesses and their local economies were not as heavily dependent on traditional banking and credit systems.

In addition to affecting small businesses, the outcome of this collapse left millions of everyday Russian citizens with no saving, no bank account and few ways to send or receive funds. In Russia, cash was now king.

Is it possible to use the Russian crisis as a model of what could happen in the United States?

Imagine U.S. small business owners, which rely exclusively on banks to process daily payments, have been forced to close because there is no way to process incoming customer credit payments. Imagine that if the banks closed, even for a short time, the following services would be unavailable:

- depositing daily operating funds
- provide a financial platform

for the processing of incoming receipts

- payments to vendors-landlords-utility companies
- restocking the inventory of store shelves
- paying employees

WITHOUT THE BANK'S CREDIT CARDS HOW WOULD A SMALL BUSINESS STAY AFLOAT? HOW COULD ANYONE CONTINUE TO OPERATE?

This fictitious situation is similar to what Russian business owners faced in early 1999.

In putting forth crisis solutions for U.S. small business, it is important to remember that at least some customers will be paying cash for their purchases. An obvious solution would be for the local businesses to remain open accepting only cash. With a little luck and some major downsizing it may be possible for the store may stay in business using only cash. However, very few American businesses will be able to stay alive accepting only cash payments.

Isn't PayPal a good alternative? Couldn't businesses survive by accepting PayPal?

NO

An absolute requirement for the proper operation of a PayPal ac-

count is that all incoming funds and all outgoing funds flow through the bank or the banks credit card. There is no such thing as a prepaid PayPal card hanging on a shelf in the supermarket which can be purchased for cash. It has never been possible to deposit or withdraw cash through the PayPal system as the terms of service require that all funds flow in and out through existing bank products.

The bank which must be used with PayPal is the same U.S. bank which just closed and is now blocking your business cashflow. It is impossible with PayPal to even open an account without a bank account or verified bank credit card.

Lastly, for practical everyday use it should be noted that it is impossible to pay the utility bill, buy groceries or spend PayPal on medical care. PayPal is not an option.

Consequently, all other online banking and all U.S. online payment systems that require direct bank payments and withdrawals through bank products are not acceptable. With no functional bank account, the U.S. small business owner has no access to those online payment systems.

WHAT HAPPENED IN RUSSIA?

Take a closer look at how the Russian's survived and prospered.

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ey in early 1999, everyday working people and small businesses no longer trusted the banks.

In 1998 a group of Russian software designers were completing a new version of online banking software. As the banks collapsed they quickly adopted their software to meet the new local demand for everyday non-bank payments. WebMoney Transfer was created.

(<http://www.wmtransfer.com>) Webmoney is online payment platform which does not require account holders to have a bank account or credit card. Cash deposits can be made in a variety of methods to fund several types of Webmoney online purses. Today, Webmoney is the largest and most powerful e-money service in Russia. As there are many other people outside of Russia and businesses around the globe without proper banking services, WebMoney Transfer is now also the largest digital currency in the world.

As Webmoney emerged, all of the everyday citizens who now did not trust banks quickly adapted to this very convenient and inexpensive way to store, send or receive funds. Several other popular Russian Internet payment systems have emerged from that time period, however, only Webmoney Transfer is the only one which has managed to expand and become a global leader.

Anyone can easily sign up for an account over the Internet, from anywhere in the world and the business operates 24/7. It's free, it's fast and users can immediately begin using the account to

send and receive payments. For Russian small business operators, WebMoney even provides printed documentation (in Russian) detailing how a local business can integrate the payment platform into everyday operations.

As the popularity of this service grew around Moscow, small financial business "exchanges" began opening in and around the city which provided ancillary financial services that came to replace most everyday banking transactions. (In America these locations might be compared to check cashing stores) As long as a customer possessed proper Russian identification, anyone could visit a local exchange and using cash deposit funds or withdraw cash from a digital Webmoney account. No bank needed. No credit or ATM card needed. The software even has a credit purse for borrowing and loaning of digital units online. This would be very convenient for everyday U.S. small business.

WebMoney is a private company offering a software platform for digital currency payments. It is an independent non-bank Russian solution for both citizens and everyday financial business. Without a bank or credit card, any small business can easily accept payments or transfer and spend digital money. Webmoney could easily become a solution for American businesses and citizens lacking a bank account and/or credit facilities.

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- **SOME U.S. FINANCIAL MARKETS MAY COLLAPSE**
- **MANY PEOPLE MAY LOSE THEIR SAVINGS AND THEIR HOMES**

Take a look at the headlines from this month. Moody said today that it would consider downgrading its triple-A rating for US Treasury Bonds if Washington continues to pile up record deficits. In just the past few months both CFOs for Wells Fargo and Bank of America have resigned for "personal reasons".

What will Americans turn to for everyday business payments when banks become the enemy?

Everyday financial solutions are available using private non-bank digital currency and digital gold currency. The Internet provides a wide variety of non-bank digital currency payment solutions which are small business friendly.

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e-bullion Operator James Fayed's Murder Trail Begins This Week

It has been almost three years since July 28, 2008. This is the day Pamela Fayed was murdered.

Former e-bullion operator, James Fayed, now sits in jail charged with murder and conspiracy in her stabbing death. Los Angeles County prosecutors have accused Fayed of paying a former employee, 50 year old Jose Luis Moya, around \$25,000 to arrange his wife's murder.

James has pleaded not guilty and denied the special allegations that the murder was committed for financial gain and lying in wait. If convicted, these special allegations allow for the death penalty. e-bullion operator, James Fayed, could be facing the California's death penalty.

Jury selection began last Thursday in downtown Los Angeles County Superior Court and opening statements are expected to begin Tuesday May 2nd.

Steven Vicente Simmons, 22, is the person actually accused of stabbing Pamela.

It was Simmons and another man, 46 year old Gabriel Marquez, both from Ventura Country that were indicted by a grand jury last summer on murder and conspiracy charges. They have both pleaded not guilty and both denied the special allegations that they "intentionally killed the victim by means of lying of wait" and that it was carried out for financial gain.

Moya, arrested in 2008, also pleaded not guilty to the same charges.

Moya, Simmons and Marquez will be tried together. According to the Los Angeles DA's Office a status conference in their case is scheduled for May 10 and they face life in prison

without the possibility of parole if convicted.

Fayed was initially arrested Aug. 1, 2008, by federal investigators on a charge of operating a digital money transmitting business(e-bullion) without a license. Shortly after Fayed and Moya were charged in the murder case, the money transmitting charge was dismissed.

In March 2009, federal prosecutors filed a civil forfeiture of millions of dollars seized by investigators from accounts tied to Fayed's businesses.

LIBERTY RESERVE INTEGRITY (OXYMORON)

Liberty Reserve is serving code hosted from the Amazon cloud network. The web site is loading jquery from Amazon and Google analytics ga.js from Google.

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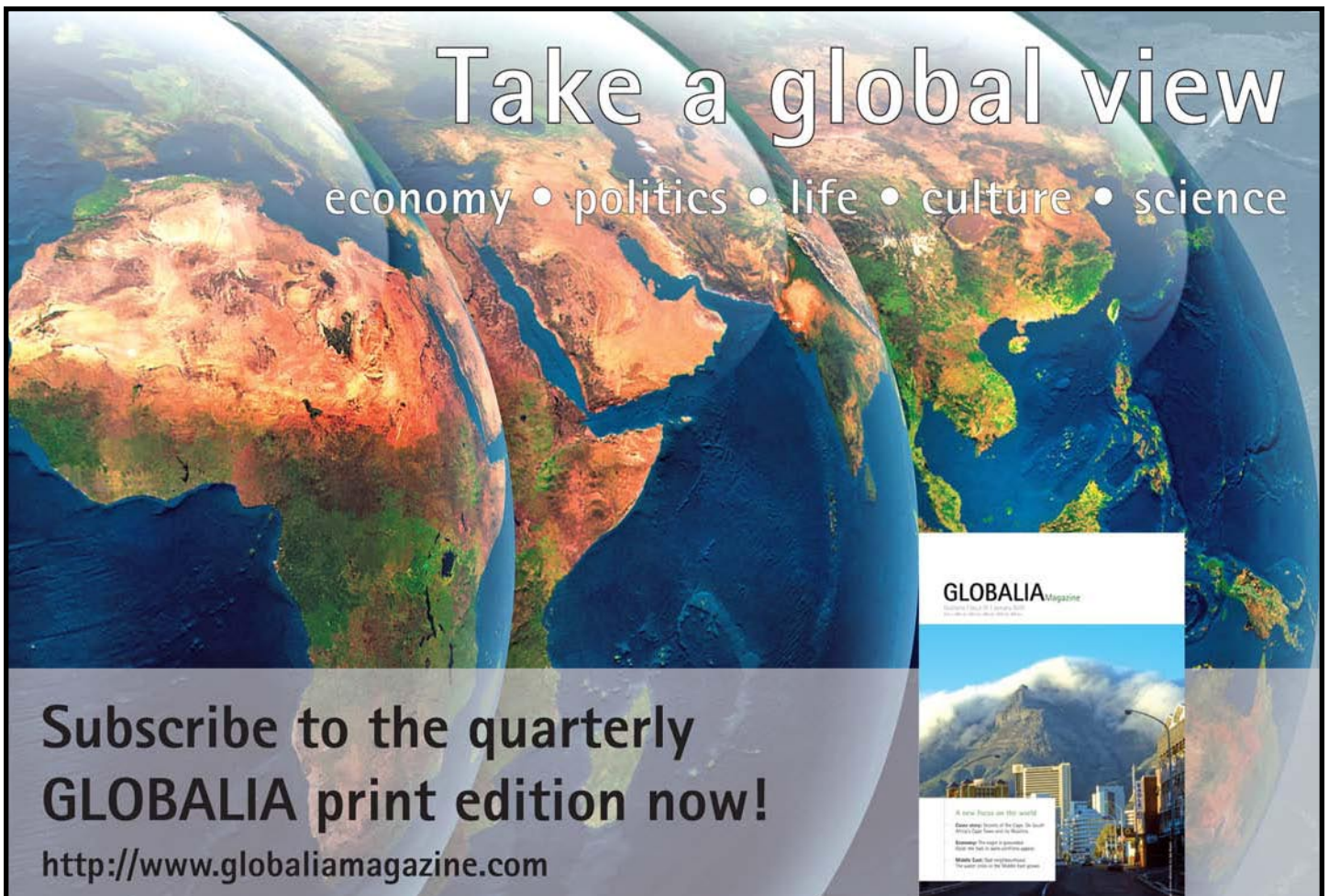
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There is a new online payment system online from some good friends in China. Currently they accept bank wires and Liberty Reserve for deposits. Here is the info from the web site.

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HEARKEN TO THE SACRED GEESE MONETA OF JUNO

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On April 6 last I sent an open letter
Congressmen Ron Paul of Texas
accusing the Chairman of the
Board of Governors of the Federal
Reserve, Dr. Ben Bernanke, that

- (1) his program of Quantitative Easing(QE) whereby the Federal Reserve banks purchase U.S. Treasury paper directly from the U.S. Treasury is not authorized by the Federal Reserve Act and is therefore unlawful;
- (2) even if for the sake of argument we disregard where the Fed buys its paper, the sum appears to be higher than all available Federal Reserve credit outstanding and, moreover, the F.R. banks do not have unencumbered collateral to post in order to create more to conclude these purchases.

I have received an unusually large feedback in my e-mail. People want to know how I can substantiate these accusations against Dr. Bernanke. Of course I cannot say that I have caught Dr. Bernanke red-handed. All I can do is to present circumstantial evidence.

I start with a statement that I am fully aware of the seriousness of my accusations, and my responsibility in making them. I do not make them frivolously. I have been contemplating to do it for decades. My reasons for postponing have to do with calculating for maximum impact. I am but an isolated individual trying to take on the incumbent of one of the most powerful offices ever created on this earth. Wrong timing may be suicidal.

I first came to suspect that in injecting F.R. credit in the domestic and world economy the Fed was in violation of the law when former Chairman Alan Greenspan inundated the money markets shortly after taking office following the stock market crash in 1989. My suspicion was that he got away with it by simply reversing the two-step creation of F.R. credit, namely, FIRST STEP: posting collateral; SECOND STEP: issuing F.R. notes and creating F.R. deposits.

Reversing the process would have meant that Greenspan had FIRST issued the notes and created deposits and, SECOND: with them he had purchased Treasury paper pledging them for the purpose of creating credit ex post facto (retroactively).

To the uninitiated this simple reversal may look innocuous enough and, indeed, Greenspan could have argued that nothing more than a simple house-keeping

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change was put into effect that fell well within his authority. On closer scrutiny, however, it appeared that it was not a housekeeping change at all. It was, if indeed it happened the way I have assumed it did, an instance of usurpation of power that Congress alone has: to amend the Federal Reserve Act. No abundance of words would change the fact that, if Greenspan had done that, then he had created F.R. credit in blatant violation of the law. The difference made by the reversal was the difference between issuing F.R. credit lawfully, or issuing it unlawfully.

To see this just imagine that you are applying for a loan at the bank. The manager lets you sign the note and credits your account with an equivalent deposit. In escorting you to the door he pats you on the back and, when you are on the street, gives you a parting shout: "Don't forget to drop back with the collateral at your convenience!"

If my allegations came anywhere close to the truth, then it would mean that the pregnant Trojan horse has been dragged up the hill and is now firmly implanted inside of the inner sanctum of the citadel. The Greek soldiers hiding inside the wooden horse were just waiting for the signal to get out of its belly, to fall upon the inhabitants of Troy and murder them in their sleep, women, children and all.

Translate that ancient story of Homer to our present situation and see that pirates have taken over our government's finances, and are getting ready to help themselves to the public purse. These pirates apparently believe that members of the Legislative Branch, congressmen and senators, are simpletons. They can be easily persuaded that no more than a mere technical housekeeping change is involved. After all it is inconsequential, is it not, whether the cleaning people wash the windows first and scrub the floor afterwards, or whether they do them in the opposite order. The same is true, for the stronger reason, for the experts at the Fed.

Should anyone try to tip off legislators about the prestidigitation, he could always be dismissed as a 'foggy bottom belly-acher'. Only a heartless economic royalist would deny relief money to the unemployed, the breadwinner with a foreclosed home, and their starving families. Also, remember, Treasury paper was bought by the Fed directly from the Treasury to keep the rate

of interest fixed during World War II. Now we are at war once more combating terrorism. Can we do any less than we did then, to achieve victory?

I have known Congressman Ron Paul for close to forty years. I respect him and I think I can confidently say that he also respects me. He knows I am a careful scholar. I thought of briefing him on my suspicion. On second thought, however, I rejected the idea. It would be unfair to him on account of the scanty evidence I could offer. It would only embarrass him. He would have to fight an army of Fed attorneys, Fed accountants, and Fed economists single handedly. They would easily discredit him. It would be a lonely fight, against the odds, on a slanting field, adjudicated by an umpire bribed with our own money.

A better plan would be to wait until the pirates make a mistake, as they were likely to do after their initial successes. Given enough rope, they might just hang themselves.

I think this is exactly what has happened with QE, the rope the pirates asked for and got. QE I was an enormous over-reach. Yet, incredibly, no one at home or abroad has even questioned its legality. Pirates in the belly of the Trojan horse thought that their hour has struck. They were ready for the massacre.

The combined F.R. credit creation of QE I and II exceeds one trillion dollars. There is no way underneath the Sun to come up with unencumbered collateral of that magnitude to make this miraculous money proliferation legal.

It is time to blow the whistle. It is time for the sacred geese of Juno Moneta to honk, sounding the wake-up call for the sleepers to start defending themselves against mortal danger: that of being sold into slavery.

French boys and girls, if you asked them where the French equivalent of the word 'money' has come from, would answer: "Why, it means 'silver', doesn't it?" By contrast, most native English speakers don't know the origin of the English word 'money'. That's a pity because the explanation is fascinating. It is wrapped in a fairy-tale like story. Well, schools do not teach fairy tales any more, even if they have a moral on which your life may one day depend.

Many years after the rape of Troy by the Greeks, Rome was similarly threatened by its enemy, the barbarian tribe of the Gauls that invaded the peninsula and put Rome under siege. Inhabitants took refuge in the Capitolium.

The patroness of Rome was the supreme goddess Juno, wife of Jupiter, the father of the Olympian gods and goddesses. The Romans built a magnificent temple for her honor inside Capitolium, the citadel at the top of the hill which doubled up as the Mint where the gold, silver and copper coins of Rome were struck. In the garden around the temple the sacred geese of Juno dwelt.

In the back of the temple the hill was steep and full of cliffs with no roads. The Romans expected the assault to come from the opposite side that was less steep and where the roads were. Accordingly, the Romans left the back of the hill undefended. The invaders decided to take advantage of that. They approached the hill from that side and wanted to surprise the inhabitants under the cover of the night and murder them in their sleep.

They climbed the cliffs. Their plan would have prob-

ably succeeded but for the sacred geese of Juno that started honking loud when they noticed the invaders. That in turn woke up the defenders who drove off the enemy and defeated them decisively in the battle that followed next day. Unlike the story of Troy, this one had a happy ending.

The Romans gave thanks to their patroness Juno and thereafter called her Juno Moneta (Juno the warner, or Juno the ad monitor). And Rome went on to great things. Her coins carried her fame, glory and riches to the far corners of the known world. And because they were minted in the temple of Juno Moneta, people lovingly called them 'money'.

Let this be the wake-up call for America. Terrorism is a red herring. The real enemy is already inside of the citadel. The pirates have taken over the Fed. The sacred geese of Juno are honking loudly.

May Juno Moneta once more save our civilization. Reference

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This is a reprint of an article from a Russian News Web site, *Russia Beyond the Headlines*. From the article and friendly Russian insight, we now know that PayPal executives went to Moscow and tried to get cozy with a few companies and banks. However, sources report to DGCmagazine, that they did not have any luck and did not announce public plans for a Russian expansion... yet. There are no PayPal company sources quoted in this article.

PAYPAL MAKES A "STRATEGIC" DECISION TO ENTER RUSSIAN ONLINE MARKET

**APRIL 20, 2011
BEN ARIS**

American online bank PayPal has shrugged off fears of corruption and will enter the burgeoning Russian online payments market, according to local reports.

Russia has one of the fastest growing Internet markets in the world, and the number of subscribers has been exploding over the last three years. The number of people connected to the Internet is doubling about every 18 months and experts say it will reach about 50 million people by the end of 2011.

Broadband connections are growing by about 3 percent a month and penetration reached 29.7 percent in December, according to a report by AC&M-Consulting. Most of the additions are in the Russia's far-flung regions where residents typically see the Internet as "educational" and a way of showing their children the rest of the world. Subscriptions in Siberia grew by 4.3 percent in December alone, easily outpacing growth in Moscow.

However, the growth of online shopping is proceeding much more slowly, as it remains very difficult to pay for goods. "The low penetration of credit cards means that it is hard to get cash out of customers even if they

want to pay for something," said Simon Dunlop, CEO of Dream Industries, which owns Russia's biggest online bookstore, Bookmate.ru. "There are some Russian companies that organize online payments like Yandex.Dengi and WebMoney, but you have to charge your account with a bank transfer first. The only way to get instant sales is to use SMS, and that is extremely expensive."

Many sites accept payment via mobile phone: The customer sends an SMS to a special number with the order and a charge is added to the phone bill. However, phone companies charge up to 40 percent of the purchase price as a fee, said Dunlop. Credit cards drawing on a foreign bank also rarely work on Russian sites.

PayPal made "a strategic decision" to enter the Russian e-payments market, sources told Russian business daily RBC in April. The U.S. company is now only waiting for laws on a national payment system to be approved before opening its office in the next year, the paper reported.

PayPal's decision marks an about face in attitude for American online companies. In 1998, CompuServe cut off access to Russia. Too many hackers logged in on false accounts or with falsified or stolen credit card numbers, the company said at the time, racking up massive charges on the services that connect users in those countries to CompuServe's host computers in the United States and Western Europe.

PayPal is more confident of the market's potential and is already in talks with local Internet providers and cellular phone companies. "Generally speaking, the company is interested not only in Russia, but in the CIS on the whole as well," an RBC source said.

In 2009, the leading online payment systems Yandex.Dengi and WebMoney accounted for over 90 percent of the Russian market of e-payments, according to the Electronic Money Association, so PayPal has some catching up to do. WebMoney was founded in 1998 and registered in the Central American country of Belize, where its owner and administrator lives. Originally designed to serve Russian clients the company has been growing very fast and now claims to have 11 million customers worldwide.

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Now GATA plans to accelerate that realization by reprising Gold Rush 21 with a conference from Thursday-Saturday, August 4-6, in London, home of the London Bullion Market Association and the gold-dumping Bank of England, which now are fairly warned. The conference will review where gold has gone on GATA's watch and examine where it might go as it returns to its rightful place at the center of the world financial system.

The Gold Rush 2011 conference in London will be held at the famous Savoy Hotel on the Thames River -- <http://www.fairmont.com/savoy/> and will feature many of the speakers from the Gold Rush 21 conference in Dawson City, plus some who have become sensations in the gold and silver world over the last few years:

- **James G. Rickards, senior managing director for market 4-8-trans-intelligence at consulting firm Omnis Inc. in McLean, Virginia.**
- **London silver trader and whistleblower Andrew Maguire, whose complaint about silver market manipulation, presented by GATA to the public hearing of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission in Washington a year ago March, sent the price of silver soaring.**
- **Ben Davies, CEO of Hinde Capital, who has been making the case for gold and silver on financial news television programs throughout the world.**
- **Market Force Analysis editor and GATA Board of Directors member Adrian Douglas, whose research studies have documented gold and silver market manipulation.**
- **And Cheviot Asset Management Investment Director Ned Naylor-Leyland.**

Speakers returning from Gold Rush 21 will include:

- **GATA Chairman Bill Murphy.**
- **South African gold mining industry expert Peter George.**
- **Sprott Asset Management Chairman Eric Sprott.**
- **Sprott Asset Management Chief Investment Strategist John Embry.**
- **GoldMoney founder James Turk.**
- **Hugo Salinas Price, president of the Mexican Civic Association for Silver.**
- **Gold price suppression litigator Reginald H. Howe.**
- **Kirkland Lake Gold CEO Brian A. Hinchcliffe.**
- **Gold market analyst John Brimelow.**
- **Samex Mining Corp. President Jeff Dahl.**
- **And GATA's secretary/treasurer.**

Admission to the conference will be \$800, which also will cover an opening night reception and some meals and refreshments during the conference. Starting in about a week, the Savoy Hotel will offer conference participants a special discounted daily room rate of £225 (\$360 or so at the moment). We hope to offer some family outings in London as well.

Gold Rush 21 conference organizer Janet Lee has returned to organize the London conference.

The invitation to GATA's London conference has been posted here:

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For more information about the conference or to register, please write to:

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