

# Liberty's Outlook

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## Growing Desperation Behind Recent Gold And Silver Price Suppression Efforts!

- The US Dollar Is Doomed!
- Former Central Banker Confirms US Government Suppressed Gold Prices!

Last month's newsletter started by asking if you were nervous yet.

If you weren't then, there is a good chance you are now. The very next day after the last newsletter, the closing COMEX gold price was \$57.50 (3.4%) lower than the day before. Silver fell \$2.22 (6.7%).

Since then, there has been one significant price suppression each week. All of these efforts were largely overcome by a surge of buying of physical precious metals from Far East buyers, including several central banks.

Just the latest of obvious manipulation tactics hit the gold market right about 8:30 AM Eastern on Monday morning. Within the space of less than 60 seconds, a total of 7,500 COMEX gold contracts were sold. This represents 750,000 ounces of gold, roughly 1% of annual worldwide gold mine output.

The COMEX tried to pass off the incident as a mistaken keystroke on a computer. However, the rumors on the trading floor of the COMEX point to JPMorgan Chase as the culprit, the bank that just happens to be the lead trading partner for the Federal Reserve. I am highly suspicious that the tactic was a deliberate effort to suppress prices.

How can I make such a judgment? It is actually pretty easy. A seller of a larger position of gold has a self-interest in realizing the highest possible price. The means to accomplish that is by spreading the total among several brokers and over several days so as to mask the total size of the position being liquidated. Any huge amount that is sold at one time is a sign of manipulation rather than of a free market.

### What Is The US Government Trying To Accomplish?

Five years ago, the M2 definition of

2012 Year To Date Results through May 1, 2012			
<i>Precious Metals</i>			
Platinum	+11.7%	Singapore Dollar	-4.7%
Silver	+10.8%	Mexico Peso	-7.4%
Gold	+6.1%	U.S. Dollar Index	78.80 -1.82%
Palladium	+3.8%	<i>US And World Stock Market Indices</i>	
<i>Numismatics</i>		NASDAQ	+17.1%
US MS-63 \$20 Liberty	-1.3%	Frankfurt Xetra DAX	+14.6%
US MS-63 \$20 St Gaudens	-2.1%	S&P 500	+11.8%
US MS-65 Morgan Dollar, Pre-1921	-9.1%	Nikkei 225	+10.6%
<i>US Dollar vs Foreign Currencies</i>		Russell 2000	+10.1%
Japan Yen	+4.1%	Australia S&P/ASK 200	+9.2%
Brazil Real	+2.3%	Shanghai Composite	+9.0%
Hong Kong Dollar	-0.1%	Sao Paulo Bovespa	+8.9%
China Yuan	-0.6%	Dow Jones Industrial Average	+8.7%
India Rupee	-0.8%	Dow Jones World (excluding US)	+8.6%
Australia Dollar	-1.2%	London FT 100	+4.3%
Euro	-2.1%	10 Year US Treasury Note interest rate	1.958% +4.3%
South Korea Won	-2.6%	<i>Intrinsic Metal Value Of U.S. Coins</i>	
Switzerland Franc	-3.1%	Lincoln cent 1959-1982	2.55¢
Canada Dollar	-3.4%	Lincoln cent 1982-date	0.55¢
Great Britain Pound	-4.2%	Jefferson nickel non-silver	5.39¢
South Africa Rand	-4.3%	Roosevelt dime, 1965-date	2.44¢
New Zealand Dollar	-4.6%	Washington quarter, 1965-date	6.11¢
		Kennedy half dollar, 1971-date	12.22¢

the US money supply (including coins, currency, checking and savings accounts, CDs and money market funds) was about \$7 trillion. At the beginning of 2011, it was near \$9 trillion. Today it is approaching \$10 trillion.

This inflation of the money supply, completely unrelated to the growth of the economy, is not sustainable forever. At some point, the market will react to this depreciation of the US dollar. So, it is important to ask just what the US government is trying to accomplish with this monetary expansion and if there are any plans to rein in the problem before an inevitable crash.

There are some, with whom I largely agree, who think that the US government has gone so far into debt that it is no longer pos-

sible to ever pay it off in current-value dollars. In this scenario, the US government can pretend to pay off its currently existing tens of trillions of dollars of future Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid benefits with a future dollar that is close to worthless.

There is also the possibility that the US government could be pushed so far into debts and deficits that it will take an extreme measure to try to forestall the outright collapse of the dollar. Among these options would be to require Americans to turn in their gold. I don't think there is much prospect for this to happen until near the final collapse of the dollar. If the US government tried to call in gold too soon, that would be a clear signal to the holders of trillions of dollars of US dollar-denominated assets that

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they face the imminent loss of value of their holdings. In such circumstances, the US dollars outside the US would come rushing back to America's shores to be exchanged for goods and services of actual value. In effect, calling in gold would actually make the problem worse for the US government, not better.

However, I do think the US government may confiscate the trillions of dollars of assets in private retirement accounts and replace them with US government bonds. I expect the confiscation of private retirement assets is a measure that would be taken before calling in gold for two reasons. First, the value of the retirement assets is much larger than the gold held by Americans. Second, such a move would politically be easier to impose on Americans because it could be sold as a measure to "protect" peoples' retirement assets.

Still, even if (when?) the US government seizes private retirement assets, that will not be a permanent rescue of the dollar. Instead, it will only postpone the inevitable failure of the US dollar rather than saving it.

Finally, it is possible that the US government may try to rescue the dollar by making it convertible into gold, although at a price many times higher than today. If, for instance, the government declared gold to be worth \$25,000 per ounce, I would also expect some exchange regulations to punish Americans who were smart enough to own precious metals. Although this step might technically save the dollar in name, the value would be just a tiny fraction of today's purchasing power.

For those who may be more optimistic, maybe there is some prospect that the US government could quickly clamp down on its huge deficits and debts. However, just look at what happened in early April when the March 13 Federal Open Market Committee minutes were released. The minutes stated that the US economy might be recovering, which suggested that there would be little to no need for further quantitative easing (meaning inflation of the money supply). As a result, the Dow Jones Industrial Average, which had been approaching record high levels, fell more than 3% in the following week. As much as the US government is locked into the continuing inflation of the money supply (which also means depreciation of the US dollar), so are private investors. I don't see any politician in Washington, with the possible exception of Congressman Ron Paul, who says they are willing to make the spending cuts

that would be needed to avoid the eventual destruction of the US dollar.

In my mind, no matter what the US government is trying to accomplish with the actions it is taking with the US dollar, I think those who hold an insurance position in physical gold and silver will be very happy that they have done so.

### **Former Central Banker Confirms US Government Suppressed Gold Prices!**

Last Sunday, a new study was released. Titled "Dr. Zijlstra's Final Settlement: Gold as the Monetary Cosmos' Sun," it was written by Dutch economist Jaco Schipper who writes at [www.MarketUpdate.nl](http://www.MarketUpdate.nl).

Jelle Zijlstra served as the Dutch Minister of Economic Affairs from 1952 to 1959. He was the Finance Minister from 1958-1963. He served as Senator from 1963-1966. In 1966 he became Prime Minister and again served as Finance Minister. He resigned both positions in 1967 to become head of the Dutch central bank, a position he held until the beginning of 1982.

Perhaps most significant, Zijlstra also served as Chairman of the Board and as President of the Bank for International Settlements from July 1967 until January 1982. In that position, he served as a central banker's central banker.

Zijlstra wrote two memoirs. The first, titled "Dr. Zijlstra" discussed his time as a central banker. He recounted a story on page 191 where US Assistant Treasurer Paul Volcker and a member of the Federal Reserve Board flew to meet with him in July 1971. The Dutch central bank had converted \$600 million in US currency into gold thus far that year, and the Americans were trying to persuade him to cease such activity.

During the meeting, Volcker told Zijlstra, "You are rocking the boat." To this, Zijlstra replied, "If the boat is rocking because we present \$250 million for conversion into gold or something that can be considered an equal asset, then the boat has already perished." The Dutch then redeemed this final tranche of US currency.

President Nixon terminated further US dollar for gold redemptions less than a month later.

Zijlstra's second memoir was titled "Per Slot Van Rekening" which can be roughly translated as "The Final Settlement." It goes into further detail about his activities as a central banker and how the US government worked with other central banks to suppress gold prices. On page 222 the author specifically attributes the creation of Special Drawing Rights as an attempt to manage international monetary systems because the price of gold was too low. The

### **Patrick A. Heller's Upcoming Speeches**

May 11, Denver, CO, American Numismatic Association National Money Show Numismatic Theater, "Create A Fun-Filled Numismatic Presentation For The General Public"

June 18, Huntington Woods, MI, Royal Oak Coin Club Meeting, "Create A Fun-Filled Numismatic Presentation For The General Public"

July 12-14, Las Vegas, NV, Freedom Fest 2012, "Pitfalls To Avoid When Buying Physical Precious Metals"

October 25-26, Spokane, WA, Silver Summit, consumer protection subject not yet specified

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most important point of the memoir is that Zijlstra considered gold to be the only currency that was suitable as the center of the "monetary cosmos."

Now that the US government's attempts to suppress gold prices have been further confirmed—this time by someone with global inside information, those who continue to claim this is not true have even less of a leg to stand on.

The ramifications of this development are almost certain to support higher gold and silver prices in the coming weeks.

### **A Theory On Recent Rare Coin Price Weakness**

There can be a number of factors that affect supply and demand for discretionary assets like rare coins and paper money. It is entirely possible that the multi-year low interest rates paid on CDs, savings accounts, money market accounts, and the like, may be contributing to the greater supply and lower demand for numismatic items.

According to the National Bureau of Economic Research, the recession that began at the end of 2007 officially ended in June 2009. I have grave doubts about whether there was a recession or depression and whether it has in fact ended. But, for this discussion, I want to use June 2009 as an employment baseline.

Since the end of June 2009, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the US economy has gained approximately 1.1 million jobs. However, there is an interesting breakdown in employment statistics by age of employees. Those aged 55 or higher have gained almost three million jobs since June 2009, while those below

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the age of 55 have lost about 1.85 million jobs.

Why would this age disparity exist? I think the low interest rates might have a bigger influence than generally realized.

Many people approaching or in retirement depend on assets generating interest income to help cover their living costs. Many also count on Social Security benefits rising every year to try to keep even with the falling value of the US dollar (i.e. higher consumer prices). Well, interest rate earned on most accounts and bonds for a few years now has been close to zero or at least far less now than they were several years ago. Also, Social Security benefits were frozen for three consecutive years.

It is entirely possible that older people remained in or re-entered the workforce to offset the impact of lower interest income. I don't have the data to prove this thesis, but it makes a lot of sense to me.

Other ways that older Americans may look to replace diminished interest income are by cutting back on discretionary spending and accelerating the liquidation of non-essential assets that they already own.

Numismatic treasures don't put food on the table, pay medical bills, or help pay rent or property taxes. I think it is entirely possible that older Americans, in total, have cut back on adding to their coin and paper money collections. Further, I suspect that they are actually selling off more of their collections, and doing it sooner than they previously planned.

Again, I don't have hard data to prove or disprove this thesis. The best circumstantial evidence I can offer is that my company is now purchasing about 30 times the number of pieces of gold jewelry than we did just ten years ago and that a far higher percentage of sellers comment that the payments they receive are being used to pay for life's necessities.

To the extent that these theses are accurate, those with the financial wherewithal to add to their rare coin and paper money collections might find more than the usual number of bargains available today.

## So What Does All This Mean?

When the US government and its trading partners and allies have to orchestrate a major suppression of gold

and silver on a weekly basis, don't be alarmed. That actually could be a sign that we are much closer to the end of the US government holding down prices that it might seem on the surface right now.

There is growing turmoil in Europe. The Dutch government fell last week over the opposition of the austerity measures proposed to meet the standards to remain a nation within the Eurozone. The Netherlands is one of only four European governments that still are classified as AAA quality borrowers. If the Dutch cannot maintain their share of the Euro standards, is any nation using the Euro safe?

The Belgian government has spent so much money to rescue three banks that it now is burdened with actual and contingent debt equal to double the Gross Domestic Product.

Spain is officially in a recession again, with unemployment in excess of 24%!

Even German officials have hinted that they are considering going it alone again outside of the Eurozone.

For once, even US Treasury Secretary Geithner had to admit recently that the European situation is dire.

Federal Reserve Chair Bernanke may try to claim that Europe's financial problems are relatively isolated from the US, but he is lying. The Federal Reserve itself and major US banks hold billions and maybe even trillions of European sovereign debt that is only worth a fraction of face value.

As I have said in the past and repeated earlier in this issue, it is time to face the fact that the dollar is failing. Neither you nor I can change that, but we can take steps to protect our financial wealth.

The first step is to get rid of dollars and some paper assets such as stocks and bonds. Convert them to tangible assets.

Physical gold and silver are an important segment of tangible assets, but not the only ones. Also be sure to acquire extra non-perishable foods as they appear on sale. You may want to stock up on water and water purifiers. Consider stockpiling any non-perishable medical supplies you might need.

Sit down and review your personal situation to decide what other tangible assets make sense for you to own. Then take action and actually buy these assets.

The longer it takes you to get started, the more you risk that a major calamity may arise and prevent you from protecting yourself. The longer you wait and don't suffer in the delay, the more you will tend to keep waiting while you pretend that you can always make your purchas-

## Summary Of Current LCS Recommendations For Precious Metals and Rare Coins

*How much of your total net worth should be in precious metals and rare coins?*

	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Aggressive</u>
	10%	20%	25-33%

*How much to allocate for each category of precious metals and rare coins?\**

	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Aggressive</u>
Gold	40%	35%	25%
Silver	60%	55%	50%
Rare Coins	0%	10%	25%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%

\*Platinum and palladium both have volatile markets with long-term supply/demand fundamentals that are not as attractive as those for gold, silver or rare coins. While either or both might outperform gold, silver, or rare coins in the short- to long-term, to be conservative we have omitted them from our allocation.

es 'tomorrow.' So, for your own sake, do it today!

Gold and silver prices have moved sideways long enough, building up a technical base for much higher prices in the near future. Don't get caught short.

## Silver and Silver Coins

Silver closed today at \$30.59, a decline of \$2.66 (8.0%) from four weeks ago.

The repeated weekly price suppression attacks have taken their toll on American investors of silver. Over the past month, more silver has been liquidated to us by investors than purchased from LCS.

This pattern has occurred with dealers across the US. As a result, almost every bullion-priced silver coin and ingot is now selling at a lower premium than they were a month ago.

This drop in premium does not indicate a glut of silver on the market however. Far East buyers are snapping up silver at what they consider to be temporary bargain prices.

This inability to push the price of silver below \$30, which occurred only briefly on April 25 between the announcement at the end of the Federal Open Market Committee meeting and the expiration of the COMEX May silver options.

The speed at which prices partially recovered could be an indicator that we are getting close to the day when the heavily oversold "paper silver" market will collapse. As the naked short sellers

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of silver contracts find themselves unable to find actual metal to deliver at contract maturity, prices are bound to rise.

We may yet see some degree of higher prices before the end of May.

As before, US 90% Silver Coin (0.8%) continues to be my top recommendation of physical silver to acquire. Even though other forms have lower premiums, 90% Coin still has a significant price per ounce advantage. In addition, it has the maximum divisibility (one silver dime contains about 1/14 of an ounce of silver), and is the most widely traded and most liquid form of physical silver. If, maybe I should say when, the US dollar fails, I expect these coins to be a popular replacement for circulating money.

Both circulated and Mint State Common-Date Morgan and Peace Silver Dollars continue to be popular. However, they have all declined slightly in line with recent lower spot prices. At these lower prices, it appears that some wholesalers are trying to round up quantities to supply to national promoters.

Among our **Spectacular High-Grade US Rarities** are a number of silver coins. Please see our enclosed flyer for details.

### Gold And Gold Coins

Gold ended today at \$1,653.50, down a modest \$16.50 (1.0%) from last month.

Pretty much, more physical gold was liquidated by American investors than purchase by them in April. The lower spot prices ended up proving to be a gift to the Far East and central bank buyers.

The price of gold is having a difficult time surpassing the \$1,650 level to stay of late. There is a good chance that and much more will be accomplished by the end of May.

Unlike silver, gold premiums are largely unchanged. My low premium favorites for physical gold continue to be the US **American Arts Medallions** (3.4%), the Austria **100 Coronas** (3.2%), and the Mexico **50 Pesos** (3.2%).

The American Arts Medallions may again experience a boost in demand. The just released 2013 edition of *The Guidebook Of US Coins* once more features detailed information on this 1980-1984 series of one and one-half ounce gold bullion issues. You may also go online to <http://www.numismaster.com/ta/numis/Article.jsp?ad=article&ArticleId=24969> to read my March 20 article with even more detailed information on American Arts Medallions. This article has also appeared as the front page headline article in *Numismatic News*. My understand is that will also

### The Month

Gold Range	57.50	3.4%
Net Change	-16.50	
Silver Range	2.90	8.7%
Net Change	-2.66	
Gold/Silver Ratio	54.1	
Net change	+3.9	
Platinum Range	114.00	6.9%
Net Change	-97.00	
Platinum/Gold Ratio	.95	

Date	Gold	Silver	Platinum
Apr 03	1,670.00	33.25	1,661.00
Apr 04	1,612.50	31.03	1,599.00
Apr 05	1,628.50	31.72	1,599.00
Apr 06	1,634.00	31.81	1,602.00
Mar 09	1,642.50	31.517	1,618.00
Mar 10	1,659.50	31.67	1,594.00
Mar 11	1,659.00	31.51	1,584.00
Mar 12	1,679.50	32.52	1,606.00
Mar 13	1,659.00	31.38	1,588.00
Mar 16	1,648.75	31.36	1,576.00
Mar 17	1,650.25	31.67	1,585.00
Mar 18	1,640.50	31.48	1,579.00
Mar 19	1,640.50	31.77	1,574.00
Mar 20	1,642.00	31.64	1,580.00
Mar 23	1,632.00	30.53	1,556.00
Mar 24	1,643.00	30.74	1,548.00
Mar 25	1,641.50	30.35	1,547.00
Mar 26	1,659.50	31.20	1,570.00
Mar 27	1,664.00	31.35	1,576.00
Apr 30	1,663.50	30.96	1,572.00
May 01	1,661.75	30.88	1,572.00
May 02	1,653.50	30.59	1,564.00

London Silver Market Premium To New York Silver Market = 3¢

Gold, silver and platinum quotes are work-in spots at 1:45 EST/EDT each day,

appear as a chapter in the 2013 edition of *North American Coins And Prices*. ”

Premiums for circulated and Mint State **Pre-1934 US Gold Coins** have fallen further in the past month. Just when it doesn't seem like they can get any lower, they have. Now you can even purchase Extremely Fine specimens of \$5 and \$10 Liberties at or below a 10% premium above their gold value. We have even sold some low-grade and damaged pieces for very close to scrap metal value.

In year's past, I warned that **Proof Gold American Eagles** were way overpriced. They aren't anymore. Just refer to our mention in Allan Beegle's Notes From Liberty where we are offering some 1/10 Oz Proof Gold American Eagles for about 5% more

than you would pay for the more common bullion-price issues. This is not a joke. Please refer to that offer.

### Premier Coins & Collectibles Consolidated With Liberty Coin Service

As most long-term readers know, Patrick A. Heller became owner of Premier Coins & Collectibles in 2010 as well as continuing to own Liberty Coin Service. The two companies were separate, though working cooperatively.

Last summer, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) performed a six-month long road reconstruction project on the major highway on which Premier was located. MDOT communications were almost non-existent. For example, access to the highway was cut off in the middle of a business day with no notice to any the businesses located in the building where Premier was located. The customers and employees suddenly trapped in the parking lot were forced to drive across lawns into a residential neighborhood to get out.

During and after the construction, a number of businesses closed as a direct result of loss of business from the poor coordination by MDOT. At least eight of these companies have now sued the State of Michigan for damages.

Premier's volume dropped as well, falling about 80% in total, though the drop off in store traffic was much worse. Staff were trimmed so that almost the only ones left were the managers, Bob Sweet and his son David Sweet. Unfortunately, that meant that the Sweets had to perform all of the tasks, including the mundane ones that did not require a skilled numismatist to perform.

The public reaction to the nightmare of trying to navigate that section of highway continued to hurt sales by local businesses ever since.

Premier Coins & Collectibles has now been consolidated with Liberty Coin Service. The Sweets are now using their extensive numismatic knowledge and skills at Liberty. David will be working with internet sales, wholesale trading, mail-order trading, and collectible paper money. Bob Sweet will again work on finding his popular "Sweet Deals" coins for waiting customers. Many of you probably remember them. Bob Sweet first started working for Liberty in the early 1980s. David started with Liberty four years ago.

Although Premier is closed, the result is that Liberty has grown again.

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Item	Qty	Fine Wt	Price	Cost/Oz	Premium
*U.S. 1 Oz Gold Eagle	10	1.0000	1,737.75	1737.75	5.1%
*U.S. 1/2 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.5000	893.00	1786.00	8.0%
*U.S. 1/4 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.2500	454.75	1819.00	10.0%
*U.S. 1/10 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.1000	186.20	1862.00	12.6%
*U.S. 1 Oz Gold Buffalo	10	1.0000	1,741.25	1741.25	5.3%
*Australia 1 Oz Kangaroo	10	1.0000	1,746.00	1746.00	5.6%
*Austria 100 Corona	10	0.9802	1,672.75	1706.54	3.2%
*Austria 1 Oz Philharmonic	10	1.0000	1,744.50	1744.50	5.5%
*Canada 1 Oz Maple Leaf	10	1.0000	1,718.00	1718.00	3.9%
*China 1 Oz Panda	10	1.0000	1,784.25	1784.25	7.9%
*Mexico 50 Peso	10	1.2057	2,057.50	1706.48	3.2%
*S. Africa Krugerrand	10	1.0000	1,719.75	1719.75	4.0%
*U.S. Medallion	10	1.0000	1,709.75	1709.75	3.4%
*1 Oz Ingot	10	1.0000	1,711.25	1711.25	3.5%
*Austria 1 Ducat	10	0.1107	195.00	1761.52	6.5%
*Austria 4 Ducat	10	0.4428	804.75	1817.41	9.9%
*British Sovereign	10	0.2354	419.50	1782.07	7.8%
*British Sovereign, BU	10	0.2354	427.50	1816.06	9.8%
*France 20 Franc	10	0.1867	336.75	1803.70	9.1%
*Germany 20 Mark	10	0.2304	442.00	1918.40	16.0%
*Swiss 20 Franc	10	0.1867	337.75	1809.05	9.4%
\$20 Liberty BU	10	0.9675	1,785.00	1844.96	11.6%
\$20 St Gaudens BU	10	0.9675	1,795.00	1855.30	12.2%
\$20 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.9675	1,750.00	1808.79	9.4%
\$10 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.4838	875.00	1808.60	9.4%
\$5 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.2419	440.00	1818.93	10.0%
*U.S. 90% Silver Coin	1,000	715	22,050.00	30.84	0.8%
*U.S. 40% Silver Coin	1,000	295	9,075.00	30.76	0.6%
*U.S. Circulated Dollars	1,000	760	27,600.00	36.32	18.7%
*U.S. Silver Eagle-2012	1,000	1,000	33,490.00	33.49	9.5%
*Canada Silver Maple Leaf	1,000	1,000	33,190.00	33.19	8.5%
*100 Oz Silver Ingot	10	100	3,149.00	31.49	2.9%
*10 Oz Silver Ingot	100	10	318.90	31.89	4.2%
*1 Oz Silver Ingot	1,000	1	31.94	31.94	4.4%
*1 Oz Platinum Ingot	10	1.0000	1,650.00	1650.00	5.5%
*U.S. 1 Oz Platinum Eagle	10	1.0000	1,733.00	1733.00	10.8%
*U.S. 1/2 Oz Plat Eagle	10	0.5000	Not available		
*U.S. 1/4 Oz Plat Eagle	10	0.2500	Not available		
*U.S. 1/10 Oz Plat Eagle	10	0.1000	Not available		
*Other 1 Oz Plat Coins	10	1.0000	Not available		
*Canada Palladium ML	10	1.0000	721.00	721.00	7.8%

**Gold:** \$1,653.50  
**Silver:** \$30.59  
**Platinum:** \$1,564.00  
**Palladium:** \$669.00

**Notes from Liberty**

by Allan Beegle  
 LCS Chief Numismatist

April sales were again impressive, though nowhere near our extraordinarily high volume last April. Our sales of collector coins and paper money were especially strong.

Once again, the Very Choice Mint State-64 1879 Morgan Dollars sold out quickly. We do have a smattering of some other offers that did not sell out, so feel free to check on availability.

Right after last month's issue was mailed, LCS Senior Numismatist Tom Coulson and Trader Matt Foltz staffed the LCS booth at the Kalamazoo Numismatic Club show. Bullion activity was slower than usual, but collector activity was typically active.

Two weeks ago, LCS General Manager Pat Heller and I attended the huge Central States Numismatic Society show near Chicago. As there were two of us there, we were able to devote more time at buying and selling than if only one attended. As a result, our CSNS sales (which were all numismatic items) were the highest of any show going back almost a year. As a bonus the additional time to shop enabled us to come up with some spectacular coins for offer to you.

The following weekend, Tom, Matt, and Trader David Hartung staffed the LCS booth at the Michigan State Numismatic Society Spring Convention in Dearborn. Although sales activity was less than at CSNS (there were two other competing major shows the same weekend) the crew managed to bring back a couple groups and some individual desirable bargains.

Pat and I did not have any success finding large lots for major stand-alone offerings two weeks ago. However, we did bring back a number of individual or small lot coins that we offer as **Spectacular High-Grade US Rarities**. Some of the coins offered here are among the finest of the issues that we have ever handled. Two of the coins have mintages below 5,000!

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*Coins, Rolls and Sets*

U.S. 10 pc Gold Medallion Set, 1980-1984, BU	\$13,175
U.S. Morgan Dollar, 1921, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20	\$890
U.S. Morgan Dollar, Pre-1921, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20	\$965
U.S. Peace Dollar, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20	\$865

*Numismatic Coins (PCGS/NGC/ICG Graded)*

	MS-63	MS-64	MS-65
U.S. \$20.00 St Gaudens	1,900	1,950	2,200
U.S. \$20.00 Liberty	1,975	2,300	3,800
U.S. \$10.00 Liberty	1,175	1,700	3,650
U.S. \$5.00 Liberty	625	1,125	2,600
U.S. 4 pc Indian Gold Type Set	5,215	8,100	18,025
U.S. 4 pc Liberty Gold Type Set	4,350	5,940	11,450
U.S. 8 pc Gold Type Set	9,505	13,890	29,025
U.S. Morgan Dollar (Pre-1921)	64	85	150
U.S. Peace Dollar	54	65	145

Prices quoted are for quantities indicated, and are actual selling prices at today's closes. Smaller lots are available at slightly higher prices. No Michigan Sales Tax on rare coins or precious metals bullion. Numismatic purchases have a 15 day return period. Orders for bullion-priced items (marked with \*) are not returnable and, after confirmation, cannot be cancelled.

While there, I did manage to acquire a somewhat larger group of **Superb Gem Mint State-66 1945-D Walking Liberty Half Dollars**. These are absolutely gorgeous flashy specimens. For whatever reason, they now catalog for less than the more common 1943 issue in the same quality. So, not only can we offer the somewhat less common date, our price is a significant discount to catalog value.

Four years ago, we acquired a discovery hoard of **Territorial De Soto, Nebraska \$5.00 Notes dated 1859**. In the years since, we have not seen any specimens on the market other than the ones we handled, yet the more common later issues from this bank are selling at much higher prices. So, while they last, we are offering the handful of notes we still hold at the very same price we charged in 2008.

With so many one- or few-of-a-kind bargains to offer this month, I expect to see a lot of quick sellouts. For best selection, call early. **You can reach our Trading Desk toll-free at 800-527-2375.**

As always, we have picked up an interesting variety of items in our store or from the three coins shows to tantalize you:

**Bargain-Priced 1951 Peru Gold**

**100 Soles:** If the year 1951 has special meaning to you, there were almost no gold coins issued anywhere that year. One of the exceptions in the Peru 100 Soles. Mintage

was a modest 8,241. It is a huge coin, with a gold content of 1.3543 ounce. We conservatively grade it Mint State-60+.

One side depicts a seated Liberty somewhat similar to the US Seated Liberty coinage. Around the periphery it states its gold content: 42.1264 grams. The other side shows the Peru coat of arms that includes a llama or alpaca and a cornucopia.

Perhaps the most interesting feature is the price—your cost is just 7% above the intrinsic gold value. Because of size that means it will cost you well over \$2,000.

This may be the only 1951-dated gold coin we have handled in our 41 years in business. Who knows if or when we might ever see another.

**Mint State Franklin Half Dollar**

**Sets:** This 35-coin series currently contain almost \$400 in silver value. Yet coins such as the 1949 and 1949-D used to sell in MS-60+ quality for at least \$100 apiece. We offer the complete sets still in the deluxe collector albums in which we bought them. Every specimen grades a minimum of MS-60+. Several grade at least Choice MS-63. While three sets last, you can own one or more of them for just \$695.

**Choice Mint State-63 1911 Canadian Sovereigns:**

We now have a few specimens of NGC-certified Choice Mint State-63 1911-C Sovereigns. They were

<b>Gold:</b>	\$1,653.50
<b>Silver:</b>	\$30.59
<b>Platinum:</b>	\$1,564.00
<b>Palladium:</b>	\$669.00

struck at the Royal Mint branch in Ottawa, Ontario.

Canadian Sovereigns were only struck from 1908 through 1919, totaling just 621,700 coins for all years combined. By far, Canadian Sovereigns are scarcer than the issues from any of the other six mints where they were struck. Yet, you can own these lovely coins for just \$489 apiece. That works out to only about \$50 above what you would pay for a common-date MS-60+ specimen.

**Gem Proof-65 1936 Washington**

**Quarter:** Only 3,837 Proof specimens of the 1936 Quarter were ever struck, making this the lowest mintage issue of the entire series, circulation strikes and proofs together! It has been a long time since we had an NGC-certified beauty equal in quality to this coin. The piece is virtually flawless for marks but does have a few small specks near the edge, of which the most noticeable are on the obverse about 5 o'clock.

At one time this coin would have cost you \$4,600. Today it lists in *Coin Values* for a still too-high \$2,000. Your cost just \$995.

**1/10 Ounce Gold Proof American**

**Eagles:** We recommended against purchasing Proof Gold American Eagles because their mintages were too high to justify their high premiums. As Pat Heller has written recently, premiums on these coins have fallen sharply.

Want proof? We currently have 36 specimens of 1/10 Ounce Gold Proof American Eagles still in their original government packaging with all the certificates. While they last, your cost is just \$199. That is not all that much more than you would pay for the bullion-priced specimens.

**2,100 Year-Old Denarius From**

**The Roman Republic:** We have available three different Very Fine specimens of the Roman Silver Denarius issued between 122BC and 146 BC. All depict Roma on the front. Two feature the Discouri on the reverse, who were Apollo's sons Castor and Pollux. The other piece shows Liberty riding in a quadriga (a 4-horse chariot). Much nicer than average specimens. \$149 each.

**Please Note:** Liberty Coin Service will be closed Saturday, May 26 and Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day.