

Liquidity Crunch: The Desert is all Dried Up

Investors are scrambling today as both the Empire of New York and LA's Central Banks injected millions of ENY and LA dollars into the market to ease the emergency liquidity crisis which started at market opening on Monday, October 5th, when reports of a giant gas-guzzling snake sucking oil resources dry in the PHMW were released over the Hearst News Service.

"No one is investing in anything other than treasuries right now... people are dropping their shares in even 'sure things' like Penn State Gates. I wouldn't call it a panic, not yet, but its good that the Central Banks are acting, the public needs to know that the market is not going to grind to a halt." said Melanie Peterson of Fortune Magazine. "You have to understand, bullish movements in the market are sometimes impossible to slow down. The excitement over so many potential new sources and markets for goods was simply too much for investors to think logically. I remember that a colleague, known for his bearish tendencies, was telling everyone to slow down when they started developing these highly leveraged futures instruments, he said we should all watch Mad Max, but everyone laughed at him, and now he's the richest guy in the office."

The futures market saw a rampant increase in speculation in weather, gas and other commodity futures after the announcement of the NYPTCO project to link the Post Holocaust Mid-West (PHMW) and New Orleans via both telegraph cable and a pipeline. Empire of New York Central Bank's Paul G. Baker gave his thumbs up to investing in both NYPTCO and potential business ventures in the telecommunications and commodities markets, anticipating here-tofore untapped resources in the Mid-West. Many financial analyst's countered his recommendation, saying that resources were known to be scare, but bullish publications printed articles about the former lushness of the region which at one time was known as "America's Bread Basket." Oil, real-estate, and commodities futures were quickly rolled into debt instruments whose prices it seemed could find no ceiling.

"What were we thinking? It should have

occurred to us that PHMW citizens call the place 'The Dust' for a reason. Weather futures? I remember when someone suggested that we make sure that our exposure was properly hedged by invested in PHMW weather futures, little did we know that we needed to invest in monster attack futures." explained Ken Larson, formerly of Evergreen Trust's Inter-Thread Capital Fund.

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As details of the snake's consumption of the oil in one of the regions largest reservoirs are coming to light, the value of many investor portfolios are plummeting. "I was making plans for adding a third swimming pool to my property when I read the article [about ENY's survey findings] in the Hearst News Service, now I can't even afford my electric bill... I can't believe that all those seemingly endless business opportunities vanished." said one investor who wishes to be anonymous.

Economists say it isn't surprising that opportunities in the Mid-West disappeared like a mirage. "When will the random-walk loyalists accept that the market is predictable and that future market movements can be anticipated by anyone who has studied mob psychology" said UCLA's Quantitative Economics Professor Harriet Wilson.

Indeed, in the midst of rampant bankruptcy, a few hedge funds that accurately predicted the market's response to the bad news seem to be keeping their heads above water, such as Dragon Investments of LA. "What has been invaluable to our trading strategy has been keeping a close eye on JET reports and missions," reports a source within the company. "We started doing a very good business in futures when we caught wind of the Mothra/Godzilla shard. We figured that if these things actually existed in some places, it was best to use B-Movies as our guide for what we needed to rely on as leverage."

Other investors are finding investment opportunities in the new transportation futures that center around transporting the goods successfully through the Kessel Run. We call it the "Zombie Bet," said Paul J. Kramer of Manhattan's Jones Brothers Fund. "We invest in futures that pay out if the pipeline progress or operations are impeded by revenant actions." - Quincy "McGee" Garthery, Senior Ed.



Dear Ms, Improper-tea,
My doctor told me that I picked up a venereal disease and told me that I need to contact all of my partners. The only thing is I'm not sure I can contact all of my partners because some of the gates to their threads have closed, what should I do?
- Itchy in Schenectady

Dear Itchy,
Your problem is likely to be not that uncommon as we are seeing more and more contact between Threads these days. My question to you is... do you really care? I mean really, if you are hopping in the sack with anyone willing in other Threads, my guess is that you don't really give a damn about them... and why should you? Half of the people from other Threads are uncivilized Neanderthals anyway. I'm surprised you can stand looking at them much less spreading your legs for them. Just count yourself lucky that your doctor is able to treat you and send an email to the Threads you can reach. As for the rest, maybe this will prove a lesson to them... double bag.

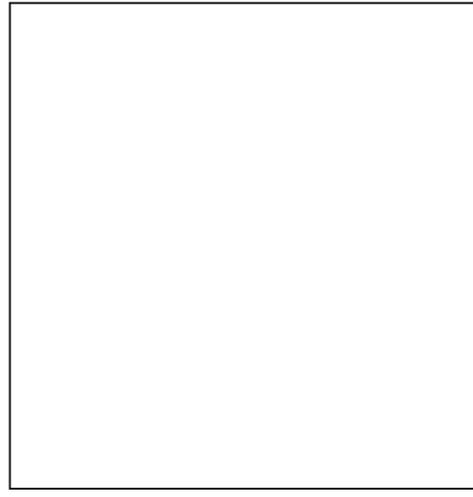
- Ms. Improper-tea

Dear Itchy,

It is exactly this kind of inconsiderate behavior that can be such a impediment to Inter Thread Relations. Are frequent check ups too much to ask? I think not! I mean there are plenty of considerate, nice, open minded guys out there with a few dollars in their pockets, just looking for a good time! And what do I get? Er, I mean what do they get? Um... I mean ... Guys talk, you hear things! Anyway, next question!

Mr. Improper-tea

P.S. After you get yourself cleaned up, you can get in touch with me care of this paper...



SKIPCON-1

A first hand account by entertainment editor Simon Fitzpatrick

Well a week has passed since the doors closed on perhaps the greatest event of my life, the first ever gathering of the Skip Cavanaugh Fan Club or as the event was called "SKIPCON-1."

For 3 days, Veterans Memorial Shrine Hall Auditorium became the center of this shattered universe. Fans of Skip and Team B came from as faraway as Rising Sun to share their enthusiasm and reverence for a true hero, and to revel in his and Team B's Exploits.

The Dealer Hall, one of the largest I have ever seen, opened its doors at 10:00 AM on Friday and was packed until it closed at 6:00 PM Sunday. Skipthreads had a huge booth selling Con T-shirts and "I'm with Team B" merchandise. Also present was Wizards of Pennsylvania who released the new expansion packs for the Skip Cavanaugh Collectable card game (SCCCG or SeeGee to the Skippies) called "Into the Gate". Several new source books came out for "The Slender Thread RPG" including the "Needles Strike Team Source book" but unfortunately this sold out within hours of the Hall opening.

Over at "The Gate" as the center stage was called last weekend, guest speakers and countless contests were held. Skippies packed the place for a reading of several pamphlets from Dr. Stanislaw Korbobkin. The Costume contest Saturday night was one of the greatest spectacles ever seen within the VMSHA as Skippies gathered to show there handy work. The "Best Skip" group was a little long, but the Best Enemy and best Team-mate groups really set the stage on fire, the girls dressed as "The Needles" mage Whisper Spiritshot were worth the price of admission, and that girl from L.A...Hubba Hubba, my blood is still boiling, the downloads of her pictures from the Skippies Website actually brought it down on Wednesday.

Saturday, around lunch, you could have heard a pin drop amongst the gathering of thousands, as special guest Burt Fennmore, Skip's 3rd Cousin, kept the crowd spellbound by his tales of a family picnic when Skip was 12. Sniffing could be heard as he told of how Skip helped a trapped puppy.

All was not without problems as Campus police were summoned twice to investigate complaints dealing with the huge "Team B"

LARP that was being run during the weekend. Gregg Hobado, President of the "Trans-Threads Skip Cavanaugh Fan Club" and organizer of the Con asked me to remind players that "When LARPing remain in the convention building and that all guns must be non-firing and have blaze orange tips and yes that includes your Resin Plasma ejectors people!!!"

Sunday morning, ambulances had to be called when a rumor spread that Skip himself would be there and fourteen people fainted or passed out from the excitement (Maybe Next Year). Another issue was a protest by some of the Lower tech threads protesting the release of "Skip- A Heroes Tale" (a UFP production) in HD DVD only, but all was put right when a UFP representative announced that copies would be made available on VHS and old film stock as well.

A big surprise was Tsunami's demo of "Gates" the Team B MMORPG. The graphics were intense and they got a standing ovation when



Garden Gnomes Riot Reserve at Oaktree Under Siege

The tranquil beauty of the Neighborhood known as, "The Reserve At Oaktree," was shattered Thursday afternoon when rioting broke out between the police and illegal garden Gnomes. Tiny red hats and small little pointy Gnome shoes are all that remain a sad testimony to the chaos that has plagued these once peaceful streets.

It all started at 3:30, when police, acting on a tip, rolled into the neighborhood in force, all part of their crack down on illegal garden Gnome workers. Many suburban households hire these merry little fellows to do their yard work because of the skill they have, but also because of the cheap prices they charge.

Cheap here, yes, but in Underhill their pay is a fortune! Such riches cause thousands of Gnomes to illegally flood across the gate weekly seeking these jobs, costing the area hundreds of lawn care jobs every year.

Police began to round up the Gnomes, who a first went singing into custody, but when a police dog Ripped noted Gnome rights Activist Bepol Thunderthumb in half, in the words of a

the announced a meta release of the game as well, though they suggested upgrading wetware to handle the new graphics engine. It was with profound sadness that we all gathered on Sunday afternoon to close the convention. As we sang the Team B Fight song and said goodbye to new friends, we pledge to gather next year, gather in the glow of our love for Skip Cavanaugh and the brave men and women of Team B.

- Debra Knowles



Team B - The Skip Cavanaugh Fan Club

resident..."All Hell broke lose".

"The attack on Bepol Thunderthumb, while tragic" said commissioner Gordon "Was brought about by the wanton disregard for the law and the blatant attack on the police K9"

Whatever the case, the results were 13 police hospitalized and upwards to one hundred Gnomes killed in what many are calling a Massacre.

"Gnomes just don't hold up to a billy-clubbing like normal folk do" said a nameless police officer. "One tap and your cleaning Gnome-goo off your night stick for a week".

Many eyewitnesses also noted that many Gnomes were trampled under hoof by the police horses during a counter charge to free up trapped law enforcement officers and their van. "We, in the strongest terms, object to these Nazi-like tactics employed by the local police" stated Gnome spokesman and hedge cutter Mumum Hamperhand. "What happened here on Thursday was nothing short of systematic extermination of the Gnomish people. It was the tasty sweet blood of the Gnomes that was spilled, with out provocation."

When Mr. Hamperhand was asked to comment on the Declaration of Gnomish Holywar declared by the Gnomish Peoples Front, he refused to comment.

"Thursday, many names were added to the list of Martyrs, let us rise up against the oppression, let us grab, once more, our tiny clubs and go fourth with righteous vengeance" Said a statement from the GPF released via a anonymous website.

Community leaders around the region meet today in a effort to calm feelings, the Mayor announced a full investigation into the incident and said if "wrong is found, heads will roll" but that could not ease the sadness of the line of tiny coffins winding there way to the gate to Underhill.

- Grady o'Brien