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Summary/Conclusion – The Beginning Of The End

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Comment - We believe this is the final capitulation process. It is "the beginning of the end." Within the next three months the low price and high spread should be in place. However, between now and then it will not be pleasant. Both high-yield and investment-grade option-adjusted spreads (OAS) have widened by a similar amount, over 100 basis points in the last week!

The objective is to stay in business over the next 90 days, and as the list of those that have not survived over the last two weeks attests, that is not a given. If you are still standing when this capitulation process is over, that will be the time to make money.

The Credit Crisis: The Largest Outlay In American History

From Our Newsclips/Daily Commentary

FINANCIAL CRISIS BALANCE SHEET					
Government Entity	Sum in Billions of Dollars				
Federal Reserve					
(TAF) Term Auction Facility	900				
Discount Window Lending					
Commercial Banks	99.2				
Investment Banks	56.7				
Loans to buy ABCP	76.5				
AIG	112.5				
Bear Stearns	29.5				
(TSLF) Term Securities Lending Facility	225				
Swap Lines	613				
(MMIFF) Money Market Investor Funding Facility	540				
Commercial Paper Funding Facility	257				
(TARP) Treasury Asset Relief Program	700				
Other:					
Automakers	25				
(FHA) Federal Housing Administration	300				
Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac	350				
Total	4284.5				

Note: Figures as of Nov. 13, 2008

The current bailout cost is greater than all these "big budget events" combined (detailed in the link above)!

•Marshall Plan: Cost: \$12.7 billion, Inflation Adjusted Cost: \$115.3 billion

•Louisiana Purchase: Cost: \$15 million, Inflation Adjusted Cost: \$217 billion

•Race to the Moon: Cost: \$36.4 billion, Inflation Adjusted Cost: \$237 billion

•S&L Crisis: Cost: \$153 billion, Inflation Adjusted Cost: \$256 billion

•Korean War: Cost: \$54 billion, Inflation Adjusted Cost: \$454 billion

•The New Deal: Cost: \$32 billion (Est), Inflation Adjusted Cost: \$500 billion (Est)

•Gulf War II / War on Terror: Cost: \$551b, Inflation Adjusted Cost: \$597 billion

•Vietnam War: Cost: \$111 billion, Inflation Adjusted Cost: \$698 billion

•NASA (Cumulative): Cost: \$416.7 billion, Inflation Adjusted Cost: \$851.2 billion

Collectively, all the "big budget items" above totaled **\$3.92 trillion**. To look at it another way, this sum is **\$359 billion less** than the cost of the credit crisis thus far. Only one big budget item in American history comes close to matching the cost of the credit crisis:

•World War II: Original Cost: \$288 billion, Inflation Adjusted Cost: \$3.6 trillion

Of course the difference between these items above and the credit crisis is those events were expenses whereas the bailout for the credit crisis is considered to be a loan. Presumably the government will get most of its money back when these loans are paid back. Nevertheless, the initial outlays, all done in 2008, vastly exceed anything seen in American history.

Almost \$1 Trillion In Losses

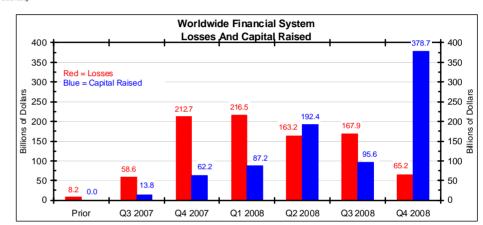
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Bank Name	Announced	(in Millions			
American International Group	11/12/2008	\$40,000			
Citigroup	10/12/2008	\$25,000			
Wells Fargo	10/12/2008	\$25,000			
JPMorgan Chase	10/12/2008	\$25,000			
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	10/12/2008 10/12/2008	\$15,000 \$10,000			
Goldman Sachs Group	10/12/2008	\$10,000			
Morgan Stanley	10/12/2008	\$10,000			
PNC Financial Services Group	10/12/2008	\$7,700			
US Bancorp	11/12/2008	\$6,600			
Capital One Financial	10/12/2008	\$3,550			
Regions Financial	10/12/2008	\$3,500			
SunTrust Banks	10/12/2008	\$3,500			
Fifth Third Bancorp BB&T	10/12/2008 10/12/2008	\$3,400 \$3,100			
Bank of New York Mellon	10/12/2008	\$3,000			
KeyCorp	10/12/2008	\$2,500			
Comerica	10/12/2008	\$2,250			
State Street	10/12/2008	\$2,000			
Marshall & IIsley	10/12/2008	\$1,700			
Northern Trust	10/12/2008	\$1,500			
Huntington Bancshares	10/12/2008	\$1,400			
Zions Bancorp	10/12/2008	\$1,400			
Fannie Mae	9/12/2008	\$1,000			
Freddie Mac	9/12/2008 11/14/2008	\$1,000			
Synovus Popular, Inc	11/14/2008	\$973 \$950			
First Horizon National	10/12/2008	\$866			
E-Trade	11/8/2008	\$800			
Associated Banc-Corp.	11/8/2008	\$530			
Webster Financial	11/12/2008	\$400			
City National	10/12/2008	\$395			
Fulton Financial	11/8/2008	\$375			
TCF Financial	11/12/2008	\$36			
South Financial Group	11/14/2008	\$34			
Wilmington Trust Valley National Bancorp	11/14/2008 10/12/2008	\$330 \$330			
Citizens Republic Bancorp	11/14/2008	\$30			
UCBH Holdings	10/12/2008	\$298			
Whitney Holding	10/12/2008	\$282			
Cathay General Bancorp	11/18/2008	\$258			
First Merit	11/13/2008	\$248			
Frustmark	11/8/2008	\$21			
Umpqua Holdings	10/12/2008	\$214			
Washington Federal	10/12/2008	\$200			
International Bancshares First Midwest Bancorp	10/8/2008 11/12/2008	\$20 \$19			
	11/12/2008	\$188			
Pacific Capital Bancorp First Niagara Financial	10/12/2008	\$186 \$186			
United Community Banks	11/18/2008	\$180			
Old National Bancorp	10/12/2008	\$162			
Provident Bankshares	10/12/2008	\$157			
Boston Private Financial Holdings	11/19/2008	\$150			
Western Alliance Bancorp	11/13/2008	\$140			
Banner Corp	11/12/2008	\$124			
Signature	10/8/2008	\$120			
beriabank Corp	11/18/2008	\$11			
Taylor Capital Vidwest Banc Holdings	11/8/2008 11/12/2008	\$10: \$85.:			
First Financial	10/8/2008	\$80.			
Columbia Banking System	11/12/2008	\$76.9			
Superior Bancorp	11/18/2008	\$69.0			
Nara Bancorp	11/14/2008	\$67.0			
CoBiz Financial	11/8/2008	\$64.			
Great Southern Bancorp	11/17/2008	\$60.0			
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Worldwide Financial System Losses and Capital Raised

As of November 19, 2008 In Billions of Dollars

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	Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Q4 :	2008	Q3 :	2008	Q2	2008	Q1 :	2008	Q4	2007	Q3	2007	Pr	ior
	Losses	Capital																																
Banks/Brokers	709.3	717.3	65.2	328.5	167.9	94.0	120.9	157.8	149.9	84.0	159.2	44.1	42.1	8.9	4.1	0.0																		
Insurance Cos	143.2	90.0	0.0	50.2	36.4	1.6	13.3	27.5	42.0	3.2	42.2	4.6	9.3	2.9	0.0	0.0																		
GSEs	114.5	22.6	0.0	0.0	38.3	0.0	29.0	7.1	24.6	0.0	11.3	13.5	7.2	2.0	4.1	0.0																		
Wordwide	967.0	829.9	65.2	378.7	242.6	95.6	163.2	192.4	216.5	87.2	212.7	62.2	58.6	13.8	8.2	0.0																		

Source: Bloomberg



Known TARP Money Awarded - Continued

as of November 19, 2008

\$330		Date	Amount
\$300	Bank Name	Announced	(in Millions)
\$298	NewBridge	11/8/2008	\$52.0
\$282	Captital Bank	11/17/2008	\$43.0
\$258	Southern Community Group	11/18/2008	\$42.8
\$248	First Community Bancshares	10/30/2008	\$42.5
\$215	Bank of Florida	10/12/2008	\$40.7
\$214	Heritage Commerce	11/8/2008	\$40.0
\$200	Simmons First National	10/8/2008	\$40.0
\$200	Peoples Bancorp	11/13/2008	\$39.0
\$193	Porter Bancorp	11/13/2008	\$39.0
\$188	Cascade Financial	11/12/2008	\$39.0
\$186	HF Financial Corp	11/14/2008	\$35.0
\$180	Intermountain Community Bancorp	11/7/2008	\$27.0
\$162	Home Federal Financial	10/12/2008	\$25.0
\$157	Heritage Financial	11/8/2008	\$24.0
\$150	Severn Bancorp	11/18/2008	\$23.5
\$140	First PacTrust Bank	11/13/2008	\$19.3
\$124	Redding Bank	10/27/2008	\$17.0
\$120	Bank of Commerce	10/12/2008	\$17.0
\$115	First Financial Services	11/14/2008	\$16.0
\$105	The Bank Holdings	11/8/2008	\$15.0
\$85.5	Bridge Bancorp	11/8/2008	\$14.3
\$80.0	Pamrapo	11/8/2008	\$11.4
\$76.9	Mackinac Financial	10/8/2008	\$11.1
\$69.0	Broadway Financial Corp	11/14/2008	\$9.0
\$67.0	Capital Pacific Bancorp	11/8/2008	\$4.0
\$64.4	Saigon National Bank	10/12/2008	\$1.2
\$60.0 \$57.0	Total		\$221,040

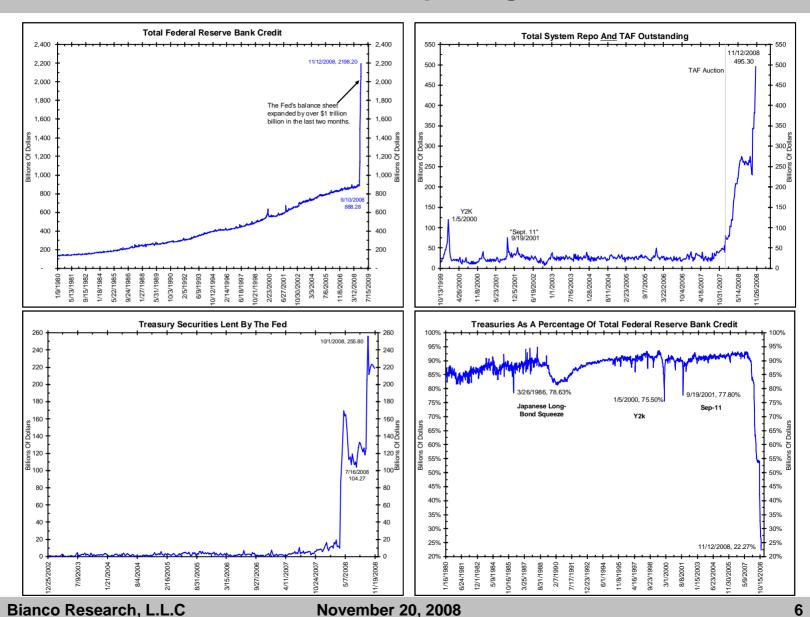
American West Bank

Three Months To Remember

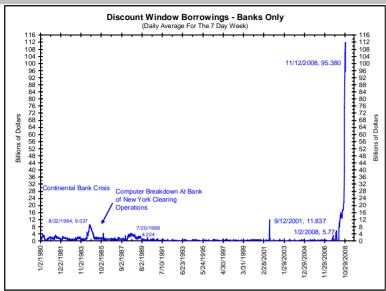
Major Financial/Economic Events Since Labor Day				
7-Sep	*Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac put into conservatorship			
	*Bank of America buys Merrill			
14-Sep	*Lehman files for bankruptcy			
47 Cam	*AIG Bailout			
17-Sep	*Lloyds buys HBOS in UK government-engineered deal			
10 Can	*FSA announces short selling restrictions			
18-Sep	*Liquidity added through record system repos of \$110 billion			
	*Treasury guarantees money market assets			
19-Sep	*SEC announces new short selling rules			
13-3eh	*TARP plan unveiled			
	*FTSE has biggest one-day gain ever			
	*Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley convert to banks			
22-Sep	*Fed loosened rules that limited buyout firms and private investors to take big stakes in			
	banks from 25% to 33%			
23-Sep	*Berkshire Hathaway invests in Goldman Sachs			
25-Sep	*Washington Mutual (WaMu) taken over by JP Morgan			
27-Sep	*Bradford & Bingley nationalised			
	*Fortis bailed out by Dutch, Belgian, Luxemburg governments			
28-Sep	*Hypo Real Estate bailed out by German government-sponsored lenders			
	*Glitnir bailed out by Icelandic government			
	*Citigroup takes over banking business of Wachovia with FDIC guarantees			
29-Sep	*Ireland guarantees all deposits			
	*House rejects TARP plan			
	*DJIA falls a record 777 points			
	*Belgian government bails out Dexia			
30-Sep	*South Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia Ban Short sales on all stocks temporarily			
	*Fed pumps a record \$630B of liquidity into swap lines with foreign central banks *Senate passes revised TARP plan			
	*Berkshire Hathaway invests in GE			
	*UK lifts depositor guarantee to £50,000 from £35,000,			
1-Oct	*Well Fargo takes over Wachovia despite Citigroup deal 4 days earlier			
	*Fortis bailout amended, Dutch government buys Dutch businesses			
3-Oct	*TED spread hits record of 340 bps, House passes revised TARP plan			
0 001	*BNP buys rest of Fortis			
	*Germany guarantees all individual savers			
5-Oct	*Hypo Real Estate bailout re-negotiated			
	*Denmark and Sweden guarantee deposits			
	*Unicredit bailed out in Italy			
	*FTSE has worst day in over 20yrs, Dow trades down over 800pts at one stage,			
	*Federal Reserve boosts TAF auctions to \$900bn (last Dec started with \$50bn as a			
	"temporary measure")			
6-Oct	*Iceland takes control of banking system,			
	*UK government meet with bank CEOs to discuss capital injection			
	*RBA cuts rates by 100bps			
7 Oot	*RBS trades down 40% on talk of UK government injection into banks			
7-Oct	*Federal Reserve to buy commercial paper direct from companies			
	*UK bank bailout plan			
	*Coordinated rate cuts with Fed, ECB, BoE, BoC, Riksbank, SNB and PBOC			
8-Oct	* SEC lifts restrictions of short selling			
	*Dow completes worst 6 days in history			
	*European stocks endured worst 3 days since 1987			
9-Oct	*The DJIA falls 7.33% for its 13th worst day ever			
3-001	*UK announces plan to recapitalize banking system			

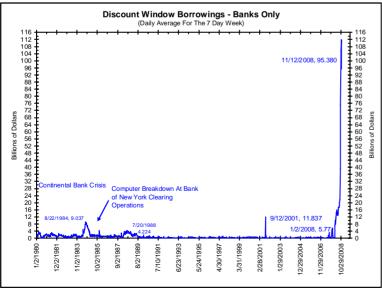
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	*Stock markets complete their worst week since 1933
10-Oct	*The G-7 holds emergency meeting in Washington
	*Corporate spreads reach widest levels since the Great Depression
	*EU countries agree to capital injections into banks
12-Oct	*Guarantee deposits and inter-bank loans
	*UK offers details on capital injection plan takes major stakes in HBOS, Lloyds and RBS
	*MUFG agrees to \$9 billion capital injection into Morgan Stanley
13-Oct	*S&P 500 up 11.08%, its best day since 1933
13-001	*TED spread hit record wide of 436 basis points
	*World central banks offer "unlimited" liquidity to banking system
	*U.S. Treasury agrees to inject \$125 billion of capital into nine banks
14-Oct	*Increases guarantee on bank deposits and bank debt
	*Iceland stock market re-opens and falls 76%
	*The DJIA falls 7.87% for its 11th worst day ever (and worst since October 1987)
15-Oct	*ECB expands collateral framework , accepts lower-rated credit instruments and also
	instruments denominated in \$, £ and yen .
	*Swiss government injects \$5 billion in UBS and could own 9% It will also acquire \$60
	billion of illiquid assets
16-Oct	*Credit Suisse raises SF 10bn
	*French President Sarkozy calls for a "revamp of capitalism"
	*Bank of England eases rules for borrowing at the discount window
20 0-4	*The Netherlands Government injects \$13.4 billion into ING Groep NV
20-Oct	*EU loosens mark-to-market rules on European Banks
	*South Korean Government Guarantees Up To \$100 Billion in Bank Loans *France Injects \$14 billion into top 6 banks
21-Oct	*Pakistan discusses with IMF a \$10bn-\$15bn support package to stabilise its economy
23-Oct	* Fed Announces \$540 billion facility to but CP from Money Market Funds
	* Austrialian Banks Freeze Redemptions
24-Oct	* Stock Futures Limit Down Before NYSE Open
	* IMF Money To Urkaine
27-Oct	* IMF Money To Hungray
28-Oct	* DJIA Up 890 Points
	* Volkswagon Short squeeze - Stock up 500%
	* Bank of China Cuts Rates
20.0-4	* Norway Cuts Rates 50 Basis Points
29-Oct	* Fed Cuts the funds rate 50 basis points to 1.00%
	* Fed Announces \$120 billion swap lines with Brazil, South Korea, Singapore and Mexico
30-Oct	* Fed Increases AIG Loan \$21 Billion
	*Japan cuts Interest Rates to .03 % cut in 7yrs
3-Nov	*Auto Sales dropped 30 % in October, Worst Since 1945
4-Nov	* Obama is elected President
5-Nov	* Fed Raises rates it pays on reserves (equal To target rate)
10-Nov	* AIG deal renegotiated
11-Nov	* China announces \$586 Billion stimulus package
	* Fannie Mae announces \$29 Billion loss
12-Nov	* Fed changes role of Tarp to Capital Injection Fund
13-Nov	* CIT converts to commercial bank
14-Nov	* Bloomberg Sues The Fed For Disclosure on Collaterizled Loans
	* Deadline for publicly held banks to apply for TARP money
15-Nov	* G-20 Meeting
17-Nov	* Goldman Senior Executives Will Not Take A Bonus For 2008
18-Nov	* UBS Senior Executives Will Not Take A Bonus For 2008

The Federal Reserve's Exploding Balance Sheet



The Federal Reserve's Exploding Discount Window



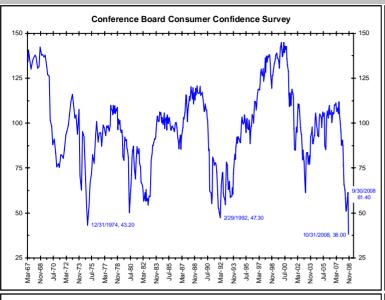


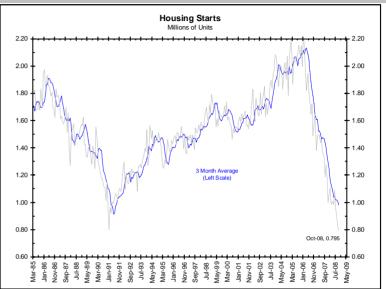
Breaking Down Discount Window Borrowings

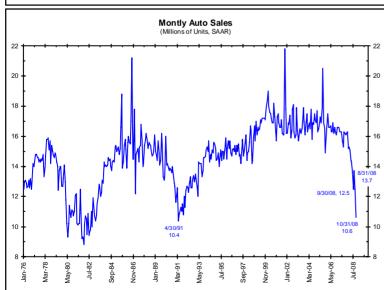
Weekly Average For November 12, 2008

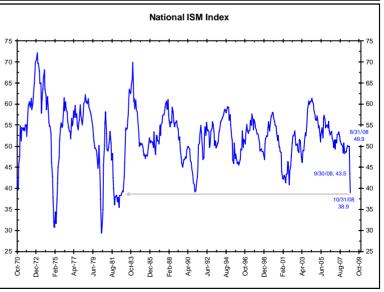
	Total	Chg. From
Type of Loan	(Billions)	10-Sep
Primary Loans (Traditional Bank Borrowings)	\$95.38	\$75.58
Primary Dealer Credit Facility (PDCF)	\$64.93	\$64.93
ABCP MMMF Liquidity Facility (New This Week)	\$80.24	\$80.24
Other Credit Extensions (Primarily The AIG Loan)	\$82.28	\$82.28
Seasonal Credit (Traditional Bank Borrowings)	\$0.10	\$0.01
Total	\$322.93	\$303.04

The Economy Stopped In October

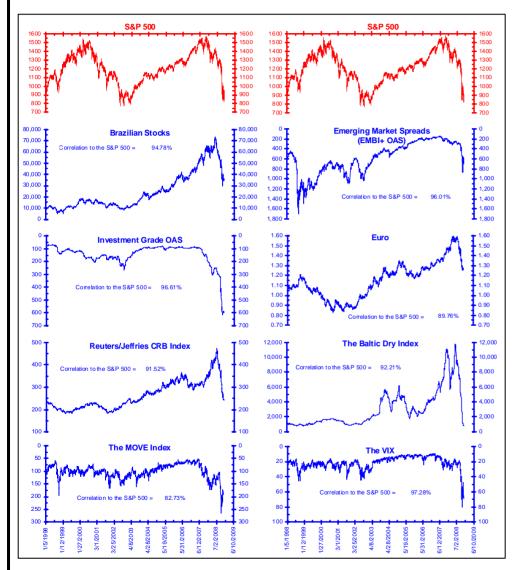


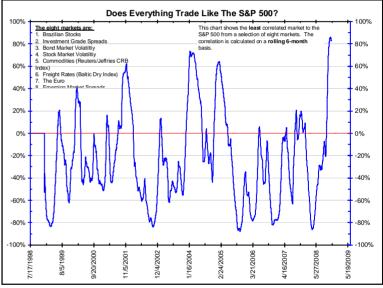




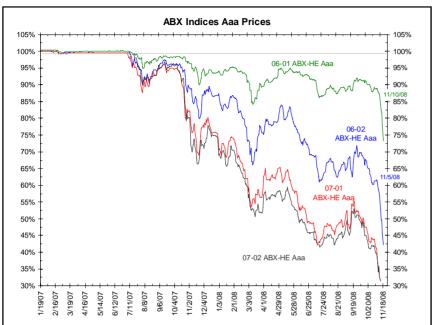


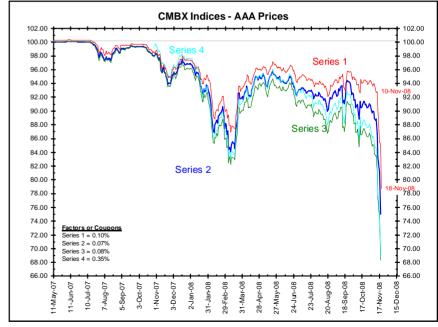
It Is All The Same Trade





ABX/CMBX Get "TARPed"





Medicated Market - LIBOR And The TED Spread



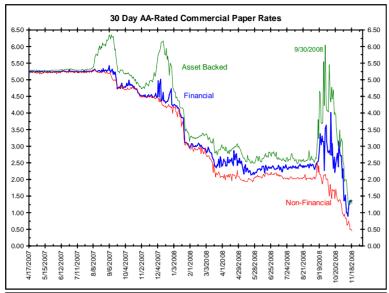
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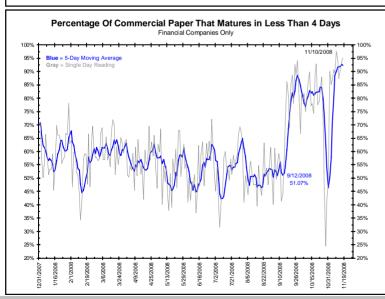
Comment – With LIBOR stabilizing nearly 200 basis points above the 3-month T-bill rate, it is still at what would have been considered a panic level any time before Labor Day. Just because current rates "look good" relative to the levels of early October does not mean this market is well.

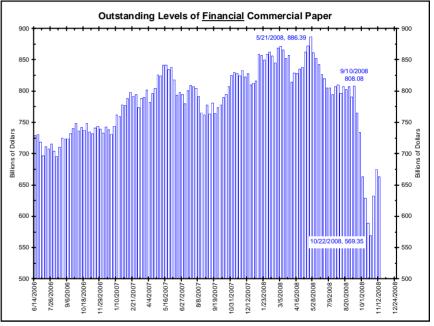
Further, as we have been highlighting, LIBOR and commercial paper are what we called "medicated markets." Government involvement (medication) is so large in these markets that it is almost questionable whether they can still be considered markets. Who is buying term commercial paper other than the Federal Reserve? If investors are not buying, is it still a market? Over half the banks that report LIBOR are receiving government assistance (marked in red in the table above), and they are being told publicly to "do something" about the high level of LIBOR. Furthermore, with over \$1 trillion in Term Auction Facilities (TAF) and swap agreements designed to manipulate LIBOR, can we honestly consider this a freely traded market?

Given the high level of manipulation from the Federal Reserve/Treasury, we believe it is impossible to say if these "markets" are getting better. Only when government involvement subsides and these rates can stand on their own can we say things are getting better. Currently, these markets are a long way from this happening.

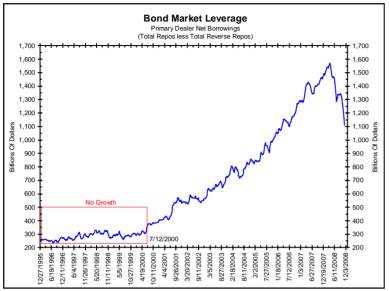
Medicated Market - Commercial Paper







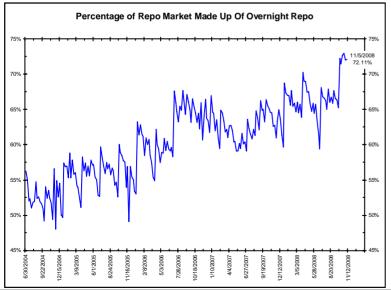
Repo Still Not Healthy

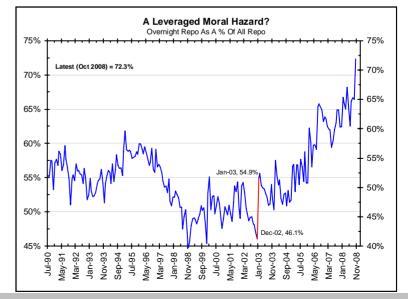


The trend toward increased overnight financing is also evident in the repo market. The top-left chart shows the size of the repo market, currently at \$3.60 trillion. The bottom-left chart shows the percentage of this market that is overnight repo. At 72%, it is a record, as the longer-term chart below shows.

Market jitters make it hard to get financing beyond 24 hours. In a normal market with willing investors this is not a problem. In this market, however, it is a big risk as noted above.

The sign the credit crisis is abating will be a return to term as opposed to the current preponderance of overnight financing.

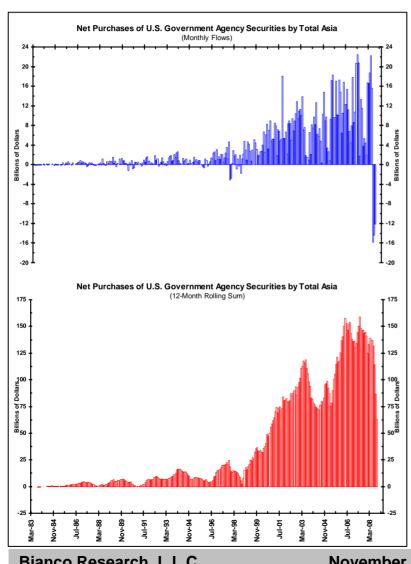


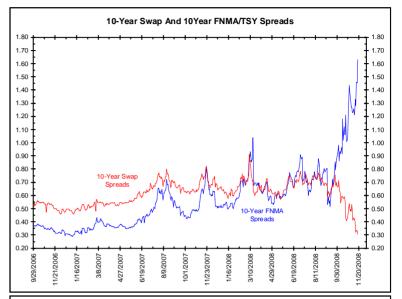


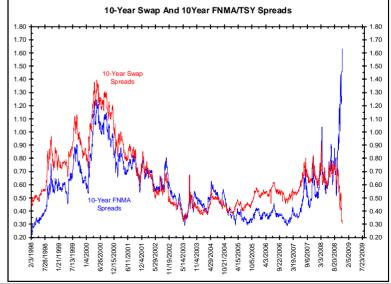
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Agency Spreads – All About The Chinese

From Our Recent TIC Update



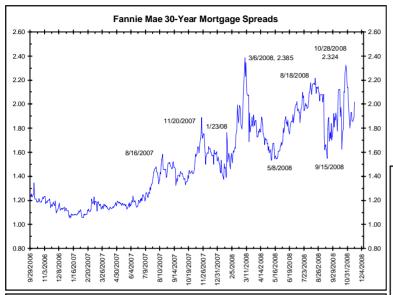


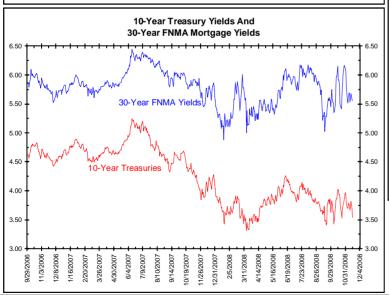


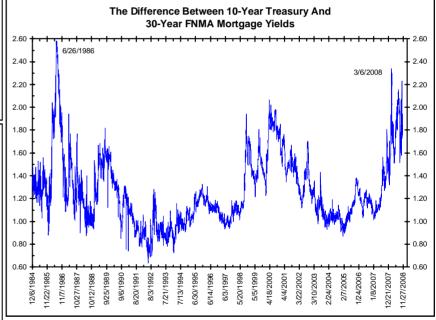
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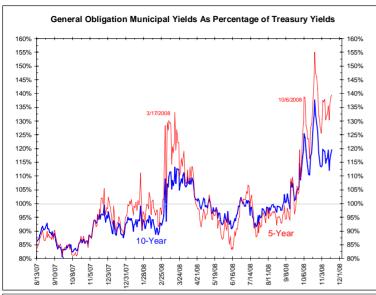
Mortgage Spreads – Not Getting Worse

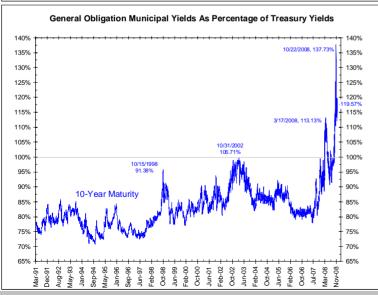






Muni Spreads – Still At Panic Levels





Reuters - Massachusetts explores funding options

Massachusetts' state treasurer has asked the federal government about borrowing money under similar conditions that banks have received if the state runs into financial trouble during the current financial crisis. "I hope that the money won't be needed," Rep. Barney Frank, a Massachusetts Democrat and the powerful head of the House Financial Services Committee, told Reuters on Monday. "But if it is, there is no better borrower than the state," he said. Treasurer Tim Cahill last week explored the possibility of going to the Federal Reserve to borrow money if needed.

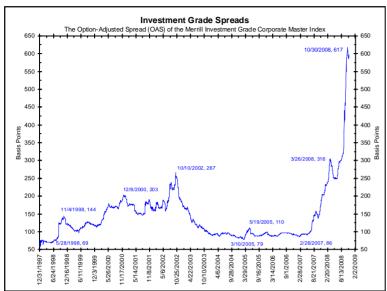
Comment - It is tempting to joke about two "blue states" asking for a bailout. However, as the two charts below show (same series, different time periods), the muni market is in chaos again. General obligation bonds as a percentage of Treasury yields are at their highest level ever. The previous record was during the Bear Stearns failure, which led directly to the Auction-Rate Securities (ARS) implosion.

Add munis to the ever-growing list of crisis markets.

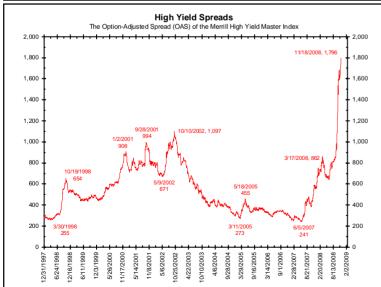
Bloomberg.com – <u>Joe Mysak: Begging for Bailout Cash, U.S</u> Cities Told to Go Fish

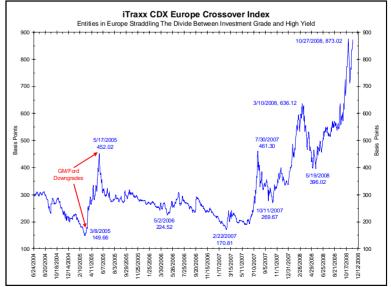
Atlanta, Detroit, Philadelphia and Phoenix have all asked in recent days for some of the Troubled Asset Relief Program billions. You can expect more to ask. Some want the government to spend the money on infrastructure-construction projects and to buy short-term note issues to help tide them over. Others want the money to help pay for employees and mass transit, among other things. Whether you're a municipal bond investor or simply a taxpayer, this should make you feel a little queasy. **This isn't good news**.

Credit Spreads Are At Their Worst Levels

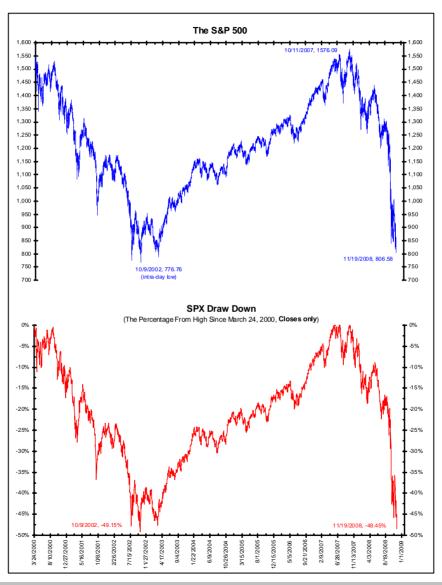








The Stock Market Decline Now Rivals 2000 to 2002



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