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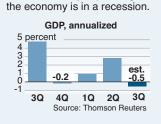
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Today

A second reading on gross domestic product is expected to show the economy contracted more than previously estimated in the third quarter. Consumer confidence is also likely to slip from its record low, while a food maker reports results.

Economic output

The second or "preliminary" reading on the total of all the goods and services produced in the U.S. is expected to be revised downward from the first -0.3 percent estimate. It would still be the economy's poorest performance since the third quarter of 2001, which was during a recession. While the National Bureau of Economic Research hasn't yet assigned that designation to the current downturn, many experts agree



Hormel Foods earnings

The maker of Spam, canned chili and Jennie-O turkey products recently reduced its fiscal 2008 profit outlook, citing global economic weakness and higher costs. Stephens Inc. analyst Farha Aslam rates the packaged food maker "equal weight," saying it's too early to buy even though the shares are priced low.





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Glum consumers

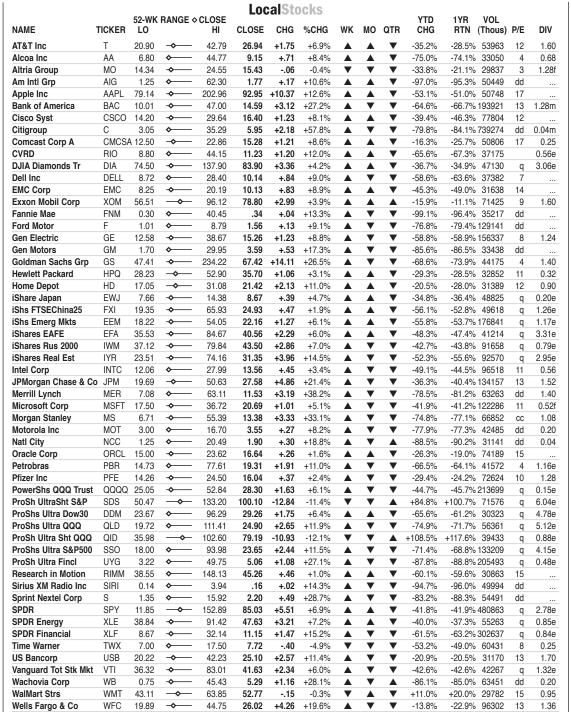
Operating EPS

In October, consumer confidence hit the lowest level since the Conference Board began keeping records in 1967. About a year ago, the index stood at 95.2. Surging layoffs, falling home prices and investment losses are weighing on consumers, who are cutting spending as a result. Credit Suisse economists think the November reading could come in at 35, lower than the average analyst estimate, due to a "horrific" October jobs report that showed the unemployment rate spiking

Consumer Confidence index 70 60 50 40 30 MJJASON

to 6.5 percent.

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Bear taking no prisoners

19.93

his is an "equal opportunity" This is an requal opportunity, bear: stocks of all sizes, from all sectors, are getting smacked. In the technology-driven bear market of 2000 to 2002, some sectors held up better than others. "It is more across the board this time," says Liz Ann Sonders, chief investment strategist of Charles Schwab. "This bubble was a larger credit-debthousing bubble, so it's having a broader impact on the economy

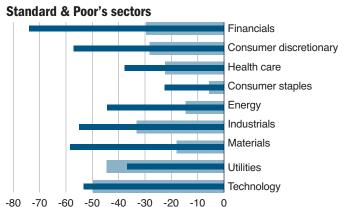
and it's a global problem.' Hedge funds and other institutions are being forced to sell assets to pay back loans. The broad selling has also hit commodities and overseas stocks. Traders weren't as highly leveraged in the last bear market, says David Kelly, chief market strategist of JPMorgan Funds Management. "When the market gets into an extreme bear condition, a lot of the logic that determines the winners and losers goes out the window," he says. "This is not a market in which people are valuing assets carefully. It's a market in which everyone is

trying to raise cash." Spending is more of a worry this time, which is why so many sectors are getting hurt. Consumer spending fell 3.1 percent in the third guarter, the worst decline in 28 years, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis. The slowdown is even hurting the traditionally defensive consumer staples sector, though it's still the best performer in SOURCE: Thomson Reuters

Declines during last bear vs. current bear

The drop in the S&P 500 is about the same now as then. This time, the pain is severe across many sectors, though financials are faring the worst.

March 24, 2000 through Oct. 9, 2002 Oct. 9, 2007 through Nov. 20, 2008 Standard & Poor's 500 S&P MidCap 400 Russell 2000 (small caps) Nasdag composite -50 -40



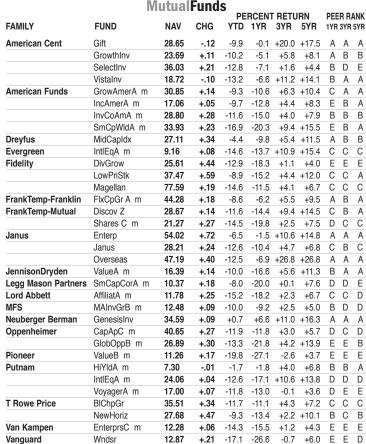
the Standard & Poor's 500. Tech was the epicenter of the last bear market. Though the sector is down nearly as much this time, it was the biggest component of the S&P 500 in 2000, at 34.5 percent.

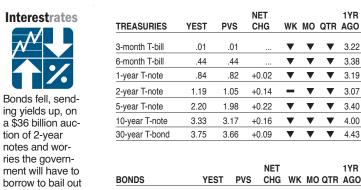
compared to just 16 percent now.

In this bear, stocks of all sizes he says.

are getting walloped. Steve De-Sanctis, strategist for Merrill Lynch, notes mid-caps were priced reasonably in March of 2000 so they had less distance to fall. This time around, "mid-caps started much more expensive than large caps,"

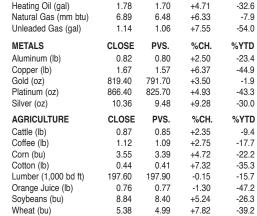
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			Lehman Long T-Bd Idx	3.96	3.85	+0.11	\blacksquare	\blacksquare	•	4.40
			Bond Buyer Muni Idx	6.06	6.01	+0.05				4.84
			Lehman US Aggregate	5.28	5.27	+0.01	▼	▼	\blacktriangle	4.96
	PRIME	FED	Lehman US High Yield	22.03	21.56	+0.47	\blacktriangle		\blacktriangle	9.70
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1 YR AGO		4.50	Lehman US Corp	8.60	8.43	+0.17	\blacktriangle	▼	\blacktriangle	5.59

Commodities Gold and oth-	FUELS Crude Oil (bbl) Ethanol (gal)			
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struggling Citi- group Inc.	AGRICULTURE Cattle (lb)			



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+9.15

+3.80

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-30.8

Foreign	MAJORS	CLOSE		
Exchange	USD per British Pound	1.5115		
The dollar fell	Canadian Dollar	1.2377		
against other	USD per Euro	1.2877		
major European	Japanese Yen	96.85		
currencies but	Mexican Peso	13.4815		
rose against the	EUROPE/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST			
Japanese yen	Israeli Shekel	3.9920		
after the govern-	Norwegian Krone	6.9800		
ment unveiled a	South African Rand	10.0780		
\$20 billion plan	Swedish Krona	8.0000		
to rescue strug- gling Citigroup,	Swiss Franc	1.1988		
sparking a rally	ASIA/PACIFIC			

Norwegian Krone	6.9800	2999	-4.30%	5.0020	5.4082
South African Rand	10.0780	4674	-4.64%	7.6687	6.8125
Swedish Krona	8.0000	4818	-6.02%	5.9032	6.2613
Swiss Franc	1.1988	0255	-2.13%	1.0241	1.1020
ASIA/PACIFIC					
Australian Dollar	1.5433	0756	-4.90%	1.0411	1.1422
Chinese Yuan	6.8279	0038	06%	6.9444	7.4002
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7517	+.0009	+.01%	7.8064	7.7751
Indian Rupee	49.918	+.374	+.75%	42.735	39.675
Singapore Dollar	1.5095	0233	-1.54%	1.3594	1.4423
South Korean Won	1461.00	-32.50	-2.22%	1045.25	930.23
Taiwan Dollar	33.45	+.03	+.09%	30.58	32.43

in stock prices.