

Scrawled shortcuts through the research maze...

It's the Economy ...

Credit/Money News: Beyond the *Wall Street Journal Times* Topics: The Credit Crisis

http://topics.blogs.nytimes.com/tag/credit-crisis/ *Marketplace* from American Public Radio http://marketplace.publicradio.org/

Wall Street Words

Short sale? Swaption? Leveraged? Put-call ratio? Unbundling? Definitions: REF 332.603 S425w

TED spread

Want to know how deep the credit crisis is? The TED spread indicates the difference in the interest rates banks charge each other (Eurodollar), compared to the rate on short term U.S. Treasury bills. The higher the spread, the bigger the anxiety. From Bloomberg.com.

http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/cbuilder?ticker1=.TEDSP%3AIND

EconomicIndicators.gov

Do the numbers, as they say on *Marketplace*. The government collects and generates all kinds of statistics on the economy—see the latest ones:

http://www.economicindicators.gov/ Economic Indicators at a Glance:

http://www.bls.gov/eag/eag.us.htm

The Secrets of Economic Indicators

Now you have the current GDP, but what does it *mean*? Look here to find out: **REF 338.54 B348s**

Handbook of Financial Instruments

What, exactly, is a Mortgage-Backed Security? Find out here: **REF 332.632 H236h**

Regional Business News

What's going on around here? Regional Business News includes 75 local business news sources; use it along with Business Source Premiere to find articles about the business economy.

On the Databases by Subject list under Business Society and Culture.

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