

FINANCIAL SERVICES REPUBLICAN MORNING CLIPS 8.7.2009

Wall Street Journal: "Greenberg to Pay \$15 Million in SEC Case ... Maurice R. "Hank" Greenberg, the former head of American International Group Inc. in a rare concession agreed to pay \$15 million to settle a securities-violation allegation arising from the giant insurer's past accounting improprieties."

Wall Street Journal: "Bankers Beat Odds in Toxic Pay Plan ... Credit Suisse Group's novel plan to pay bankers with a brew of its own toxic bonds and corporate loans has gotten off to an unexpectedly strong start, which could put further political pressure on other Wall Street firms to change how they pay their employees."

Wall Street Journal: "Judge Forces SEC to Defend Its Tougher Tack ... The Securities and Exchange Commission's get-tough attitude under new Chairman Mary Schapiro is about to face a high-profile test."

New York Times: "A.I.G. Reports Profit, Saying Business Is Stabilizing ... The American International Group reported a profit on Friday, its first since the third quarter of 2007, saying parts of its business had stabilized and also citing a favorable accounting change."

New York Times: "Morgan Will Pay Back \$950 Million in Aid ... Morgan Stanley said Thursday that it had agreed to pay \$950 million to buy back a warrant it issued to the federal government last fall as part of the broad financial rescue plan."

New York Times: "F.T.C. Aims at Oil Price Manipulation ... The Federal Trade Commission said on Thursday that it would begin policing the petroleum industry with penalties for anyone trying to manipulate energy prices."

Forbes: "Gaming The Obama Mortgage Rescue ... Some borrowers may be lying to get help, while shady loan mod shops are ripping off distressed homeowners."

Reuters: "Nasdaq, BATS to "voluntarily" stop flashing orders ... The Nasdaq Stock Market and BATS Exchange said in separate statements on Thursday they will "voluntarily" stop offering so-called flash orders, a controversial service that gives certain firms an advance look at market-bound trading orders."

Bloomberg: "FDIC Faulted for Oversight of Failed Washington, Georgia Banks ... U.S. bank regulators failed to take timely action to limit losses on commercial real-estate loans that led to the collapse of Bank of Clark County in Washington state and Community Bank in Georgia, an agency watchdog said."

Bloomberg: "Fannie Mae to Tap \$10.7 Billion in Treasury Capital ... Fannie Mae, the mortgage-finance company taken over by the government, asked the U.S. Treasury for a \$10.7 billion capital investment as an eighth straight quarterly loss drove its net worth below zero once again."