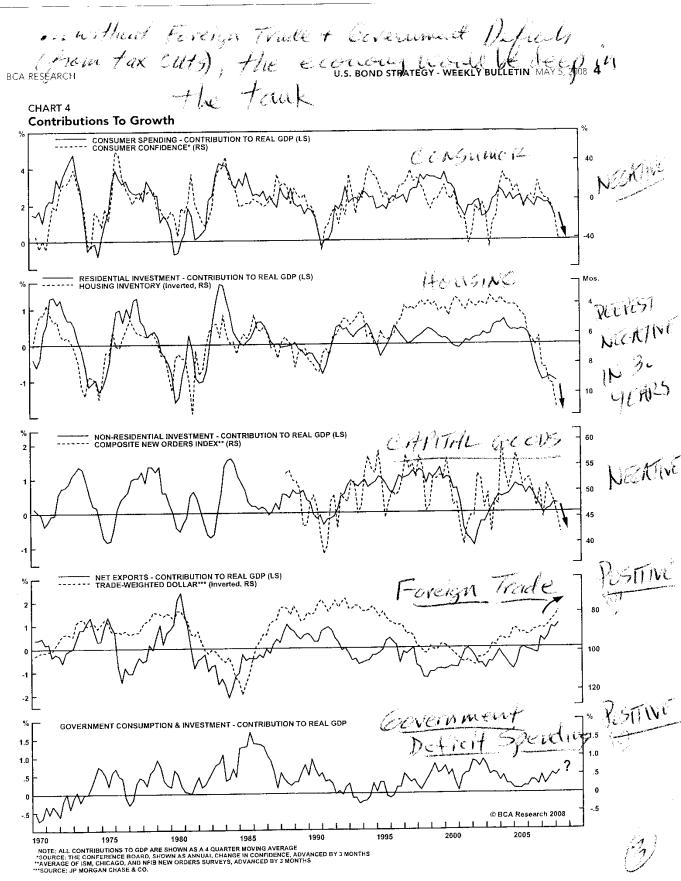
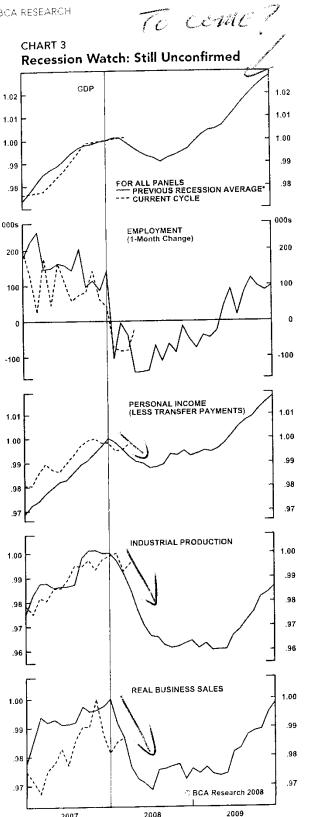
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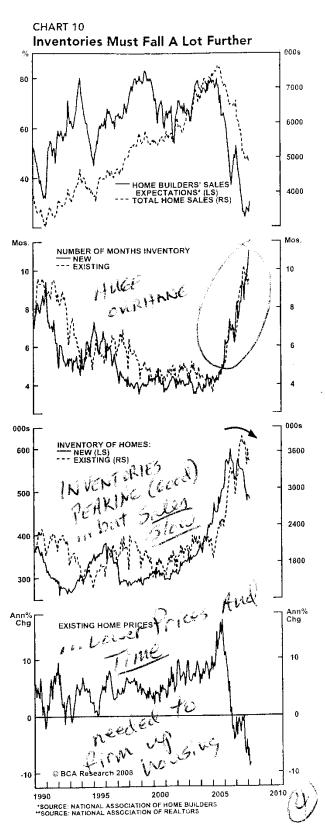




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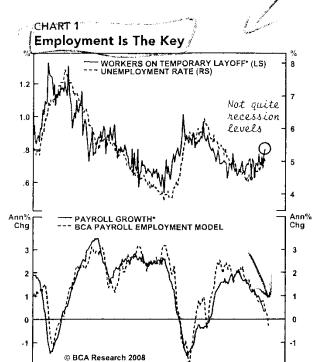


Chart 9 shows that the U.S. economy is not on the verge of regaining vigor. Spending on essential items is siphoning off an ever greater slice of income at the same time that income growth has slowed, employment prospects have deteriorated and house prices have continued to sink. The latter may be having an unprecedented impact on consumer sentiment.

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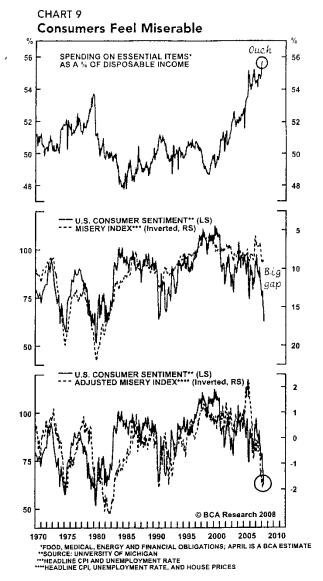
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In the 1970s and 1980s, consumer confidence closely tracked the so-called Misery Index, the sum of the unemployment and inflation rates (second panel, **Chart 9** shown inverted). However, this relationship has recently broken down, with sentiment at the lowest level since 1982, despite an historically low unemployment rate and relatively modest inflation. The relationship is reestablished if the Misery Index is adjusted to include the change in house prices (bottom panel).

The implication is that, even if the labor market holds up, some stabilization in house prices will be needed before there is a rebound in confidence.





Unfortunately, housing is not set to improve. House inventories look grim when compared to the level of sales. However, the level of inventories has rolled over for both new and existing houses (Chart 10), and the implosion in new starts implies that this trend will continue. Unfortunately, rising foreclosures will prolong the inventory problem, thus ensuring that housing will remain a drag on the economy for some time.

As noted last week, homebuilders are slowly becoming less pessimistic, which suggests that the implosion in sales may soon level off. If so, then



MARKET COMMENTS May 15, 2008

STOCKS

- 1) North American stocks market patterns are among the most constructive in the world right now. SEE GLOBAL STOCK SPREADSHEET
- 2) European stocks also on-balance constructive.
- 3) The wild card is a pattern of "converging consolidation" that's reflected in a lot of markets. Assuming this happens in the next few weeks the key will be "how deep"? A mild consolidation is longer-term quite bullish. But if key support levels are broken the probability is for a re-test of lows earlier in the year.

SECTORS

- 1) Within the U.S. market, certain industries have charts rallying in an intact uptrend (Defense, Cyclicals, Energy, Industrial equipment, Natural Gas, etc...)
- ...whereas other sectors appear to be rallies in a larger downtrend
 (Air Trans, Biotech, Gold, Health Care, Leisure, Media, Retail, etc....) SEE CHART

 SEE U.S. SECTOR SPREADSHEET
- 2) Two sectors in particular are potentially sensitive predictors of how the overall market trend is likely to evolve:
- A) Brokers: Should key support levels hold in any short-term selloff this is quite constructive. Conversely, should they break the probability increases of low re-test.
- B) Financial Services: Ditto. A someone weaker overall chart than the Brokers

BONDS

- 1) The Treasury uptrend is now well-broken and at least moderate further selloff likely.
- 2) Alternatively, Corporate Spreads peaked in late March/ Early April. This reflects some improvement in overall confidence in BOTH Corporate Debt and Corporate Stock also.
- 3) The prevailing trend in credit markets may thus be one characterized more by "spread adjustment" than by overall up or downtrend in interest rates. Once this confidence-based spread adjustment process smooths out we'll have a better picture of overall rate direction.

GOLD

The gold selloff has also broken upsloping support and the March high looks more secure. Note that the gold selloff has mirrored the dollar rally which now looks ready for consolidation.

DOLLAR

A decisive "climax bottom" in the dollar is less certain at this point. The DX is poised at the junction of resistance and likely to at least mildly selloff here. Overall pattern shape still mildly supports a re-test of the March low which would spark some related gold upside. On the other hand the Yen does resemble a climax top and the Euro is quite toppy as well so the overall pattern of the Dollar sketching out an important longer-term bottom is intact.

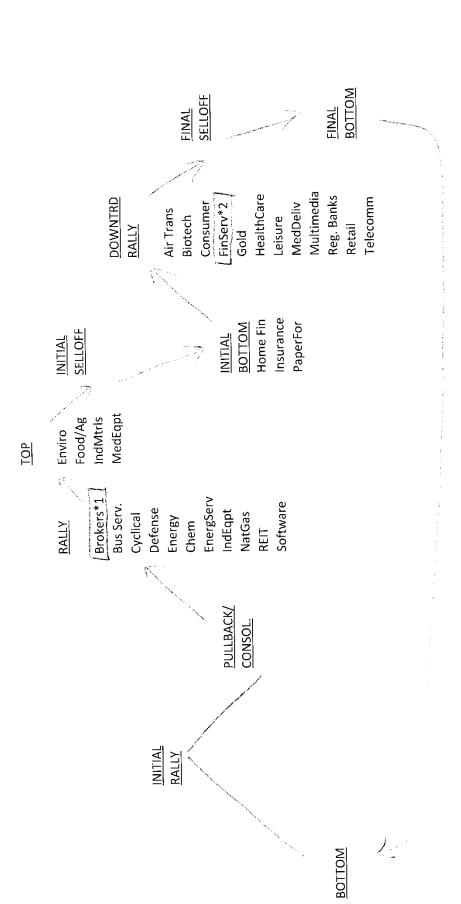


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