

INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2011, 10:00AM

THE FORUM WILL NOT MEET NOVEMBER 23.
WE WILL MEET ON NOVEMBER 30, AND DECEMBER 7 AND 14 AT 10AM

The week that was. Much sound and fury, with big daily moves, and the S&P ending up 0.85% ahead of where it was on Monday.

Gloria's technical indicator. Selected on Tuesday night.

Emma Erdahl's search for value stocks. Emma Erdahl will give her personal introduction. (Her career had nothing to do with finance or investing!) She now looks for bargain stocks, using S&P reports, Morningstar, and Value Line as favored tools. She will use Value Line to show us how she searches for growth equities of good companies at bargain-basement prices.

Using ETFdb and CEF Connect. Time permitting, I will walk through ETFdb and CEF Connect as a screening tool for ETFs and Closed End Funds. I have tried (unsuccessfully) to do this the last two weeks. Will the third time be the charm?

ETFs 201 and 301. Remember your college course numbers? Level 101 was for Freshman, 201 was for sophomores, and 301 was for juniors. This week's Barrons has a Special Report on ETFs, including emerging uses of ETFs in portfolios; alternatives ETFs (ETNs, managed ETFs, leveraged ETFs;) and the three ETF structures and how ETFs actually work. This last one may be Level 401 or graduate level, and only for those want to dig deep.

Searching for Yield: Telecom stocks.

There are juicy yields on AT&T and Verizon, as all dividend investors know. For those willing to go European, the yields get even better.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Dividend Yield</u>
AT&T (T)	5.9%
Verizon (VZ)	5.3%
Vodafone - UK (VOD)	7.5%
Deutsche Telekom - Germany (DTE)	7.7%
France Telecom (FTE)	11.2%
Telefonica - Spain (TEF)	10.9%

GMU Lecture: "Central Banking and the Sovereign Debt Crisis." by Lawrence White, Economics Professor at George Mason University. He explores questions as: What role is the central banking playing in our economy? Has the behavior of the central bank influenced debt crises in the United states? Thursday, Nov 17, 7:45PM to 9:00 PM. GMU Innovation Hall, Room 105. Free.

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