

**Short End of the Stick**— In a report from the Congressional Oversight Panel, the supposed ‘watchdog panel’ on the Bank Bailout, AIG and Citigroup provided the least value to American Taxpayers—for every \$100 in taxpayer money spent, they received securities worth a mere \$41 (Source: Reuters).

**Lame Duck Market**—Dow Jones Industrial Average’s performance from Election Day to now, a total of 93 Days, has declined 17.78%. This is the **index’s biggest drop** following any election **in the past 108 years** (Source: Bespoke Investment Group)

**Great Return**—The 1st Ford Thunderbird off the assembly line in September of 1954 earned \$660,000 in a January 17th auction at Barrett Jackson. This amount represents an annual return of 10.93% based on the original suggested retail price of \$2,695 in 1955, the year the infamous car hit the market (Source: BFG Research)

**Property Taxes**—The Top 5 U.S. Counties by median property taxes on owner-occupied housing:

1. Westchester County, NY—\$7,908
2. Nassau County, NY—\$7,726
3. Hunterdon County, NJ—\$7,708
4. Bergen County, NJ—\$7,370
5. Somerset County, NJ—\$7,201

(Source: *InvestmentNews*, The Tax Foundation)