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The municipal bond market is bracing for tough times through the end of the year as it struggles to absorb an oversupply of bonds and two of its best customers turn into sellers q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x n:x v:e-i p:e-u-i a_for:e-p-i n_of:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i v_into:e-i-i _ n_of:x-i v_into:e-i-i
                                                                                                                                                  and property/casualty insurers , which together own about 36 % of all n:x n:x _ p:e-i v:e-i-p _ card:i-i-c n_of:x p:e-x-i q:i-h-h
                                                                                                    , traders said , there were three institutional sellers for every buyer ... n:x v_to:e-i-h-i _ v_there:e-i card:i-i-c a:e-p n_of:x-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _
        "Every day we 're getting new bid lists " from would-be sellers , one trader said .

q:i-h-h n_of:x-i pron:x _ v:e-i-i a:e-p n:x n_of:x-i _ p:e-u-i a:e-p n_of:x-i _ card:i-i-c n:x v_to:e-i-h-i _
 As a result , yields on long-term muni bonds now stand at about 95 % of long-term Treasury yields , the highest such level in more p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ n:x p:e-u-i n_of:x-i a:e-u n:x a:e-e v:e-i p:e-u-i _ card:i-i-c n_of:x p:e-x-i n_of:x-i named:x-c n:x _ q:i-h-h a:e-i a:e-p n:x p:e-u-i much-many_a:e-i
                                                                 e is incredible negative psychology building in the market , " said Donna Avedisian , a vice president at Merrill Lynch & Co . v_there:e-i a_to:e-p-i a:e-p n:x v:e-i-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _ v_to:e-i-h-i named:x-c named:x-c named:x-c n:x n:x _ v_to:e-i-h-i named:x-c named:x-c named:x-c n:x n:x _ v_to:e-i-h-i named:x-c named:x
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At this week 's New York City bond sale , traders expect yields on the 20-year New York bonds to nearly match the 7.9 % yield on 30-year Treasury bonds . pre-u-i q_dem:i-h-h n:x _ named:x-c named:
This past summer , investors ' appetite for municipal bonds seemed insatiable . q_dem:i-h-h a:e-p season:x-c _ n:x _ n:x _ p:e-u-i a:e-p _ n:x _ v_to:e-u-h-i a:e-u _ _
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          Individuals eager for tax-free income drove up bond prices , making state and local government debt one of the best-performing types of fixed-income investments during the period .

n:x a:e-p p:e-u-i a:e-p n:x v_up:e-i-i _ n:x n_of:x _ v:e-i-i-i n_of:x-i _ a:e-p n_of:x-i _ a:e-p n_of:x-i _ a:e-p n_of:x-i _ n:x card:i-i-c _ q:i-h-h v:e-i-p n_of:x-i _ n:x n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ n:x n:x p:e-u-
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