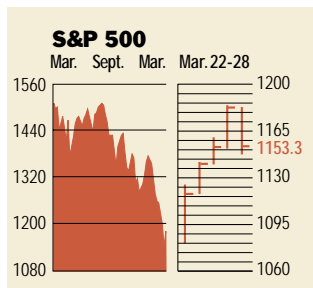


## Stocks



### COMMENTARY

Cursed techs! The major indexes were rebounding nicely, up 6% or more for the week. Then Nortel Networks and Palm said business is worse than they thought. Down went Microsoft and Intel, big issues in all the indexes. IBM and Hewlett-Packard fell, too. A shadow fell over budding optimism about the economy. Once again, tech trouble had thwarted a convincing market recovery.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets  
Bridge Information Systems, Inc.

U.S. MARKETS	Mar. 28	% change		
		Week	Year to date	Last 12 months
S&P 500	1153.3	2.8	-12.6	-23.5
Dow Jones Industrials	9785.4	3.1	-9.3	-10.5
Nasdaq Composite	1854.1	1.3	-25.0	-61.6
S&P MidCap 400	457.3	1.3	-11.5	-6.6
S&P SmallCap 600	201.7	1.3	-8.2	-5.9
Wilshire 5000	10,570.1	2.5	-13.2	-27.1

### SECTORS

	Mar. 28	Week	Year to date	Last 12 months
BusinessWeek 50*	796.1	2.5	-17.9	-42.1
BusinessWeek Info Tech 100**	434.4	1.7	-23.2	-61.3
S&P/BARRA Growth	566.2	3.9	-17.7	-39.8
S&P/BARRA Value	586.2	1.9	-7.9	-2.8
S&P Energy	859.6	-2.6	-7.8	6.2
S&P Financials	145.9	5.5	-11.5	7.7
S&P REIT	85.2	-0.4	-3.1	16.2
S&P Transportation	693.6	4.4	-0.6	21.1
S&P Utilities	315.7	2.4	-10.0	33.8
GSTI Internet	109.8	-1.5	-39.5	-85.0
PSE Technology	671.2	1.2	-17.6	-45.4

\*Mar. 19, 1999 = 1000 \*\*Feb. 7, 2000 = 1000

### BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

Group	Last month %	Last 12 months %
Engineering & Constr.	10.4	131.1
Metal & Glass Containers	10.2	91.9
Homebuilding	7.1	86.9
Conglomerates	5.1	79.0
Alcoholic Beverages	4.9	73.3

GLOBAL MARKETS	Mar. 28	% change		
		Week	Year to date	Last 12 months
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	1168.0	0.9	-18.0	-24.5
London (FT-SE 100)	5614.0	1.3	-9.8	-14.9
Paris (CAC 40)	5150.4	2.5	-13.1	-20.8
Frankfurt (DAX)	5817.5	3.5	-9.6	-26.0
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	13,765.5	5.0	-0.1	-33.5
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	12,851.4	-2.3	-14.9	-29.0
Toronto (TSE 300)	7506.5	-2.1	-16.0	-24.4
Mexico City (IPC)	5700.4	-1.2	0.9	-28.3

### FUNDAMENTALS

	Mar. 27	Wk. ago	Yr. ago
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.33%	1.38%	1374.1%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	24.4	23.7	31.0
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	20.5	19.7	0.42
First Call Earnings Revision*	-4.08%	-4.05%	0.78%

\*First Call Corp.

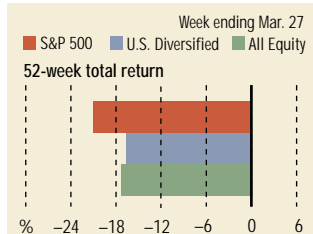
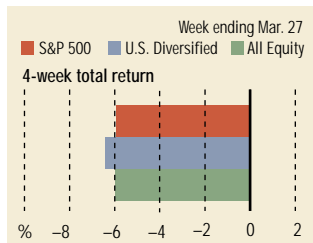
### TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	Mar. 27	Wk. ago	Reading
S&P 500 200-day average	1382.4	1390.4	Negative
Stocks above 200-day average	57.0%	60.0%	Neutral
Options: Put/call ratio	0.68	0.75	Neutral
Insiders: Vickers Sell/buy ratio	3.20	2.89	Negative

### WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

Group	Last month %	Last 12 months %
Defense Electronics	-26.5	-77.2
Communications Equip.	-23.1	-69.6
Leisure Time	-16.7	-64.0
Diversified Manufacturing	-15.1	-60.7
Health-Care Services	-14.5	-57.4

## Mutual Funds



Data: Standard & Poor's

### EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

Category	4-week total return %	52-week total return %
Japan	1.7	22.6
Real Estate	-0.4	21.3
Natural Resources	-1.8	21.2
International Hybrid	-1.9	16.9
Health	-14.1	-57.1
Technology	-11.2	-54.7
Communications	-10.0	-38.4
Small-cap Growth	-9.5	-37.7

### EQUITY FUNDS

Fund	4-week total return %	52-week total return %
Potomac Internet Short	19.3	190.2
ProFunds UltraShort OTC	16.9	137.2
Rydex Dynamic Venture 100	16.4	94.7
ProFunds UltraBear Inv.	12.2	93.0
Van Wagoner Emerging Gr.	-29.8	-91.2
Van Wagoner Mid Cap Gr.	-29.4	-87.9
Van Wagoner Post Venture	-29.0	-87.3
Van Wagoner Technology	-28.2	-83.3

## Interest Rates

KEY RATES	Mar. 28	Week ago	Year ago
MONEY MARKET FUNDS	5.01%	5.12%	5.54%
90-DAY TREASURY BILLS	4.33	4.31	5.89
1-YEAR TREASURY BILLS	4.21	4.14	6.31
10-YEAR TREASURY NOTES	4.97	4.77	6.18
30-YEAR TREASURY BONDS	5.47	5.28	5.99
30-YEAR FIXED MORTGAGE†	6.97	6.83	8.32

†BanxQuote, Inc.

### BLOOMBERG MUNI YIELD EQUIVALENTS

	10-yr. bond	30-yr. bond
Taxable equivalent yields on AAA-rated, tax-exempt municipal bonds, assuming a 31% federal tax rate.		
GENERAL OBLIGATIONS	4.29%	5.01%
TAXABLE EQUIVALENT	6.22	7.26
INSURED REVENUE BONDS	4.40	5.24
TAXABLE EQUIVALENT	6.38	7.59

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**PURCHASING MANAGER'S INDEX** Monday, Apr. 2, 10 a.m. EDT ► The National Association of Purchasing Management's index likely rose to 42.5% in March, from 41.9% in February. That is the median forecast of economists surveyed by Standard & Poor's MMS, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies.

**CONSTRUCTION SPENDING** Monday, Apr. 2, 10 a.m. EDT ► Building outlays in February probably rose 0.3%, after rising 1.5% in January. Mild weather and low

mortgage rates have helped to keep spending strong so far this year.

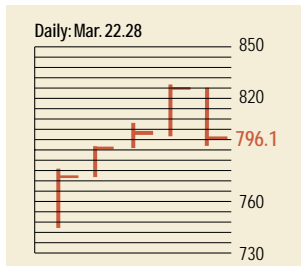
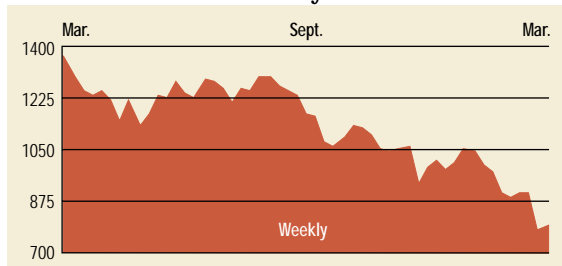
**FACTORY INVENTORIES** Tuesday, Apr. 3, 10 a.m. EDT ► Manufacturing inventories were likely flat in February after jumping 0.7% in January. That's suggested by a decline in February factory output.

**EMPLOYMENT** Friday, Apr. 6, 8:30 a.m. EDT ► Nonfarm payrolls are expected to have added 83,000 new jobs in March, after adding 135,000 jobs in February. Manu-

facturing payrolls likely lost 36,000 jobs after a larger-than-expected loss of 94,000 in February. Hourly earnings in March likely rose by a moderate 0.3%, following an advance of 0.5% in February. According to the S&P MMS forecast, the March jobless rate probably rose from 4.2% to 4.3%.

**INSTALLMENT CREDIT** Friday, Apr. 6, 3 p.m. EDT ► Consumers likely took on \$10 billion of additional debt in February, after adding \$16 billion in January.

## The BusinessWeek Fifty

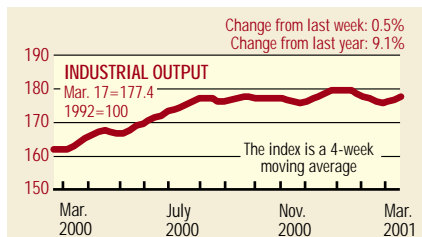


Bingo! No sooner had pharmaceutical company Alza Corp. been added to the BW 50 than it snagged a \$10.5 billion takeover from Johnson & Johnson. The stock jumped 36.5% for the week, helping the BW 50 to a 2.5% gain. The deal and progress on an antidepressant help lift Forest Laboratories 15.3%. The ugly: ADC Telecommunications fell 17.3% after announcing 3,000 new job cuts and slowing sales of broadband gear.

### COMPANY PERFORMANCE

Rank	Company	% change		Rank	Company	% change	
		Week	Since 3/1/00			Week	Since 3/1/00
1	Tyco International	-3.0	-20.9	26	Verizon Communications	2.3	-2.6
2	Anadarko Petroleum	-2.8	-3.1	27	Alza	36.5	5.6
3	Calpine	8.8	18.7	28	Citigroup	6.7	-7.3
4	Dynegy	3.0	2.7	29	Sun Microsystems	-13.7	-21.0
5	Applied Materials	6.3	5.2	30	Merck	10.6	-5.8
6	Provident Financial	15.6	-2.1	31	El Paso	-2.8	-10.2
7	Occidental Petroleum	0.8	1.8	32	Altera	-2.3	-6.9
8	Apache	-5.6	-4.1	33	Marsh & McLennan	2.3	-13.3
9	Kerr-McGee	-5.0	-0.1	34	Household International	6.3	1.6
10	Oracle	2.4	-29.4	35	Chevron	-3.4	-0.3
11	Lehman Brothers Holdings	1.0	-5.4	36	SBC Communications	5.2	-7.3
12	EMC	-6.9	-24.1	37	Mercury Interactive	0.5	-29.7
13	AES	4.1	-9.4	38	AOL Time Warner	7.7	-7.4
14	Forest Laboratories	15.3	-12.2	39	Washington Mutual	5.8	4.4
15	FleetBoston Financial	5.2	-9.5	40	General Dynamics	-6.9	-9.1
16	Micron Technology	5.3	23.3	41	Comcast	-0.9	-4.7
17	Xilinx	-4.8	-4.5	42	Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	-1.2	-15.1
18	Amerada Hess	-0.9	5.6	43	Tellabs	3.9	3.0
19	Duke Energy	4.1	-1.1	44	Exxon Mobil	-1.5	-3.4
20	ADC Telecommunications	-17.3	-25.7	45	Scientific-Atlanta	-0.4	-3.9
21	Capital One Financial	11.7	-1.5	46	U.S. Bancorp	15.6	-0.8
22	Phillips Petroleum	-2.6	0.2	47	Paychex	5.7	-2.5
23	Analog Devices	0.3	-9.2	48	Merrill Lynch	4.1	-4.7
24	EOG Resources	-4.9	-3.9	49	Bed Bath & Beyond	5.0	-1.2
25	Cardinal Health	0.0	-7.6	50	Texas Instruments	-2.2	2.7

## BW Production Index



The production index rose in the latest week. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index increased to 179.2, from 177.3 in the week of Mar. 10. After seasonal adjustments, trucks rebounded to lead the index higher, with automobiles, lumber, coal, crude-oil refining, and rail-freight traffic all rising. Steel production also gained, despite high inventories and producers' inability to make late February price hikes stick. Electric power was the only sector to fall.

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