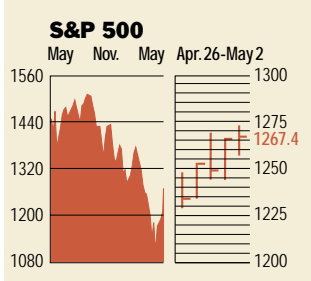


Stocks



COMMENTARY

Can you say "rally"? Tech stocks propelled the Nasdaq to its highest level in two months. Bellwethers like Cisco and Intel led the Nasdaq charge, which rose 7.8% for the week. The Dow, up 2.4%, and S&P, up 3.1%, also fared well. The market was buoyed by talk of an economic turnaround as well as anticipation of another interest-rate cut by the Fed on May 15.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets
Bridge Information Systems, Inc.

U.S. MARKETS	May 2	% change		
		Week	Year to date	Last 12 months
S&P 500	1267.4	3.1	-4.0	-12.4
Dow Jones Industrials	10,876.7	2.4	0.8	1.4
Nasdaq Composite	2220.6	7.8	-10.1	-41.3
S&P MidCap 400	514.0	4.0	-0.5	8.0
S&P SmallCap 600	222.6	3.8	1.4	9.3
Wilshire 5000	11,700.2	3.7	-3.9	-13.1
SECTORS				
BusinessWeek 50*	894.2	2.9	-7.8	-28.4
BusinessWeek Info Tech 100**	525.2	8.1	-7.2	-45.0
S&P/BARRA Growth	632.5	4.5	-8.0	-27.3
S&P/BARRA Value	635.1	2.0	-0.2	5.1
S&P Energy	920.5	-3.1	-1.2	7.5
S&P Financials	155.9	2.7	-5.3	17.7
S&P REIT	87.7	1.6	-0.3	8.5
S&P Transportation	716.7	3.6	2.7	22.8
S&P Utilities	333.7	-1.0	-4.8	27.3
GSTI Internet	154.7	14.2	-14.9	-67.4
PSE Technology	792.0	6.4	-2.7	-26.1

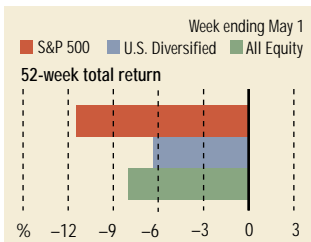
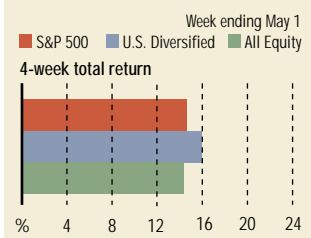
*Mar. 19, 1999 = 1000 **Feb. 7, 2000 = 1000

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS	Last month %	Last 12 months %
Entertainment	31.1	Tobacco 112.9
Semiconductors	30.8	Engineering & Constr. 108.4
Office Equip. & Supplies	30.5	Homebuilding 76.9
Communications Equip.	27.3	Savings & Loans 75.5
Invest. Banking/Bkrgr.	25.5	Pollution Control 71.7

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES			
4-week total return %		52-week total return %	
Leaders		Leaders	
Technology	37.3	Financial	27.6
Communications	28.5	Natural Resources	22.7
Small-cap Growth	23.4	Mid-cap Value	20.6
Mid-cap Growth	21.9	Small-cap Value	19.6
Laggards		Laggards	
Real Estate	3.9	Technology	-43.4
International Hybrid	4.8	Communications	-41.4
Financial	6.9	Japan	-32.6
Pacific/Asia ex-Japan	7.2	Diversified Pacific/Asia	-28.7

EQUITY FUNDS			
4-week total return %		52-week total return %	
Leaders		Leaders	
ProFunds UltraOTC Inv.	79.6	Schroder Cap. Micro Cap	90.7
Berkshire Focus	77.0	CGM Focus	79.6
Potomac Internet Plus	76.4	Potomac Internet Short	69.2
Berkshire Technology	75.5	State St. Res. Glob. Res. A	65.5
Laggards		Laggards	
ProFunds UltraShort OTC	-53.7	ProFunds UltraOTC Inv.	-82.6
Potomac Internet Short	-44.7	Jacob Internet	-77.4
Potomac OTC Short	-30.8	ING Internet A	-72.5
Rydex Arktos Investor	-30.1	Potomac Internet Plus	-72.4

Mutual Funds



Data: Standard & Poor's

GLOBAL MARKETS	May 2	% change		
		Week	Year to date	Last 12 months
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	1266.0	2.6	-11.2	-12.8
London (FT-SE 100)	5904.2	1.3	-5.1	-4.5
Paris (CAC 40)	5572.9	2.7	-6.0	-13.4
Frankfurt (DAX)	6213.8	1.5	-3.4	-15.8
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	14,421.6	4.9	4.6	-21.8
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	13,814.2	3.8	-8.5	-11.3
Toronto (TSE 300)	8018.4	0.9	-10.2	-15.7
Mexico City (IPC)	6109.2	3.8	8.1	-7.6
FUNDAMENTALS				
	May 1	Wk. ago	Yr. ago	
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.24%	1.30%	1.15%	
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	28.5	26.1	29.3	
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	22.2	21.3	23.4	
First Call Earnings Revision*	-4.53%	-4.33%	0.13%	

TECHNICAL INDICATORS	May 1	Wk. ago	Reading
S&P 500 200-day average	1348.8	1355.0	Negative
Stocks above 200-day average	66.0%	58.0%	Neutral
Options: Put/call ratio	0.58	0.62	Negative
Insiders: Vickers Sell/buy ratio	2.74	2.90	Negative

Interest Rates

KEY RATES			
	May 2	Week ago	Year ago
MONEY MARKET FUNDS	4.64%	4.73%	5.64%
90-DAY TREASURY BILLS	3.88	3.84	5.92
1-YEAR TREASURY BILLS	3.89	3.85	6.18
10-YEAR TREASURY NOTES	5.29	5.28	6.40
30-YEAR TREASURY BONDS	5.70	5.78	6.11
30-YEAR FIXED MORTGAGE†	7.16	7.07	8.37

†BanxQuote, Inc.

BLOOMBERG MUNI YIELD EQUIVALENTS			
Taxable equivalent yields on AAA-rated, tax-exempt municipal bonds, assuming a 31% federal tax rate.			
	10-yr. bond	30-yr. bond	
GENERAL OBLIGATIONS	4.51%	5.21%	
TAXABLE EQUIVALENT	6.54	7.55	
INSURED REVENUE BONDS	4.62	5.43	
TAXABLE EQUIVALENT	6.70	7.87	

THE WEEK AHEAD

INSTALLMENT CREDIT *Monday, May 7, 3 p.m. EDT* ► Consumers likely took on an additional \$10 billion of debt in March. That's according to the median forecast of economists surveyed by Standard & Poor's MMS, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies. In February, consumers added \$13.5 billion of debt, and credit as a percentage of disposable income grew from 21.7% to a record 21.8%.

PRODUCTIVITY & COSTS *Tuesday, May 8, 8:30 a.m. EDT* ► Output per hour worked

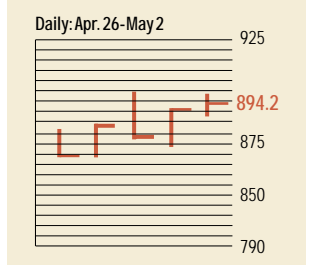
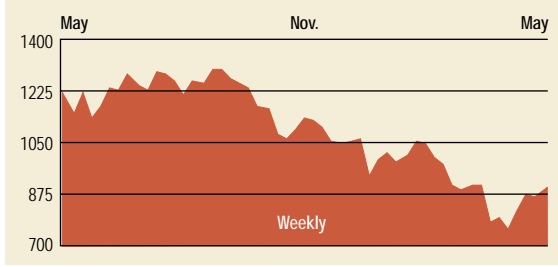
in the first quarter likely grew at an annual rate of 1.4%. That follows a 2.2% rise in fourth-quarter productivity, calculated from a 0.8% rise in production and a 1.4% drop in hours worked. Unit labor costs probably rose about 3%, after rising 4.3% in the fourth quarter.

EXPORT-IMPORT PRICES *Thursday, May 10, 8:30 a.m. EDT* ► Export prices in April were probably unchanged, after dipping 0.1% in March. April import prices likely rose 0.2%, after falling 1.6%.

RETAIL SALES *Friday, May 11, 8:30 a.m. EDT* ► Retail sales probably rose by 0.3% in April, after falling 0.2% in March. Excluding vehicles, sales likely rebounded by 0.4%, after falling 0.1% in March.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX *Friday, May 11, 8:30 a.m. EDT* ► Producer prices of finished goods likely rose just 0.2% in April. Core prices, which exclude food and energy, likely advanced by 0.1%. In March, prices fell by 0.1%, while core prices increased 0.1%.

The BusinessWeek Fifty

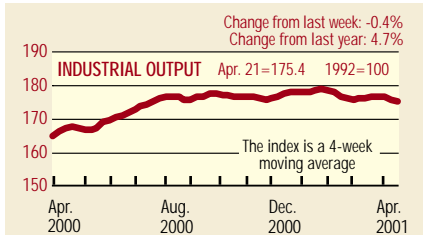


The BW 50 rode the coattails of a Nasdaq rally this week. The index posted a 2.9% gain, largely due to several big tech stocks such as Sun Microsystems, which rose 27.4% on bullish analyst reports, and Tellabs, which gained 24.9%. The biggest losers were energy companies Apache and EOG Resources, down 11.2% and 11.0%, respectively, which were hurt by reports of rising U.S. oil and gas inventories.

COMPANY PERFORMANCE

Rank	Company	% change		Rank	Company	% change	
		Week	Since 3/1/01			Week	Since 3/1/01
1	Tyco International	0.9	-3.9	26	Verizon Communications	3.1	17.5
2	Anadarko Petroleum	-9.8	-5.1	27	Alza	3.7	20.8
3	Calpine	4.4	25.6	28	Citigroup	2.6	4.0
4	Dynegy	-1.1	19.2	29	Sun Microsystems	27.4	1.9
5	Applied Materials	2.8	20.7	30	Merck	0.1	-6.1
6	Provident Financial	7.4	9.0	31	El Paso	-4.8	-7.1
7	Occidental Petroleum	-5.6	17.6	32	Altera	6.9	8.3
8	Apache	-11.2	-2.2	33	Marsh & McLennan	8.1	-6.0
9	Kerr-McGee	-6.8	4.6	34	Household International	1.1	12.1
10	Oracle	-0.5	-19.7	35	Chevron	-3.5	5.9
11	Lehman Brothers Holdings	7.2	13.3	36	SBC Communications	3.9	-6.9
12	EMC	15.1	2.5	37	Mercury Interactive	16.9	19.7
13	AES	0.6	-11.6	38	AOL Time Warner	4.3	17.3
14	Forest Laboratories	5.6	-9.4	39	Washington Mutual	-2.2	-1.8
15	FleetBoston Financial	3.2	-3.9	40	General Dynamics	8.5	17.6
16	Micron Technology	1.0	20.1	41	Comcast	5.3	3.0
17	Xilinx	4.6	16.3	42	Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	8.3	4.6
18	Amerada Hess	-4.4	13.6	43	Tellabs	24.9	-8.5
19	Duke Energy	-2.1	8.3	44	Exxon Mobil	-2.9	6.3
20	ADC Telecommunications	8.9	-26.1	45	Scientific-Atlanta	8.2	32.3
21	Capital One Financial	4.0	15.5	46	U.S. Bancorp	-0.3	-8.3
22	Phillips Petroleum	-5.4	5.9	47	Paychex	-10.9	-17.5
23	Analog Devices	12.2	22.3	48	Merrill Lynch	6.8	11.7
24	EOG Resources	-11.0	-2.7	49	Bed Bath & Beyond	-2.6	11.7
25	Cardinal Health	0.7	0.8	50	Texas Instruments	14.0	23.3

BW Production Index



The production index fell in the latest week. Before calculating the four-week moving average, the index remained virtually unchanged at 174.1, from 174. After seasonal adjustments, steel, electric power, and lumber were all down. Autos, trucks, coal, and rail-freight traffic rose, while crude-oil refining was nearly unchanged. Due to a computer error, the index has been revised back through January, 2001. To request the new data, please e-mail business_outlook@businessweek.com. Information on each of the index components is at www.businessweek.com. BW production index Copyright 2000 by The McGraw-Hill Companies

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