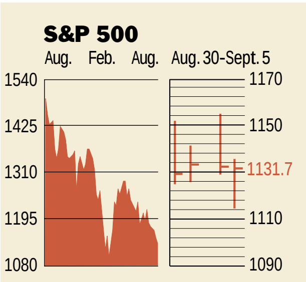
Figures of the Week

Stocks



COMMENTARY

The equity markets essentially shrugged off a report of increased orders from the NAPM and a better-than-expected productivity number and continued their slump. Hit hardest was the Nasdaq, registering a 4.6% decline, followed by S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrials, down 1.5% and 0.6%, respectively. Volume, however, was light, suggesting that it's a buyers' market.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets
Bridge Information Systems, Inc.

U.S. MARKETS	Sept. 5	% change Week	Year to date	Last 12 months
S&P 500	1131.7	-1.5	-14.3	-24.9
Dow Jones Industrials	10,033.3	-0.6	-7.0	-10.9
Nasdaq Composite	1759.0	-4.6	-28.8	-57.5
S&P MidCap 400	486.3	-2.1	-5.9	-10.2
S&P SmallCap 600	221.3	-1.8	0.8	-0.4
Wilshire 5000	10,472.6	-1.6	-14.0	-26.3
SECTORS				
BusinessWeek 50*	748.9	-2.5	-22.8	-42.1
BusinessWeek Info Tech 100**	362.1	-5.7	-36.0	-62.9
S&P/BARRA Growth	570.0	-1.0	-17.1	-36.8
S&P/BARRA Value	562.1	-1.9	-11.6	-11.0
S&P Energy	857.3	0.2	-8.0	-6.3
S&P Financials	144.2	-1.8	-12.4	-8.1
S&P REIT	94.7	-1.6	7.6	13.0
S&P Transportation	685.2	1.7	-1.8	13.9
S&P Utilities	277.4	-2.7	-20.9	-12.3
GSTI Internet	87.9	-5.0	-51.6	-81.8
PSE Technology	609.9	-5.3	-25.1	-47.0

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

GLOBAL MARKETS	Sept. 5	% change Week	Year to date	Last 12 months
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	1046.1	-6.6	-26.6	-28.3
London (FT-SE 100)	5316.0	-1.9	-14.6	-20.6
Paris (CAC 40)	4571.6	-5.4	-22.9	-32.7
Frankfurt (DAX)	5048.1	-4.8	-21.5	-31.2
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	10,598.8	-3.5	-23.1	-35.4
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	10,943.1	-2.7	-27.5	-37.8
Toronto (TSE 300)	7447.7	-0.6	-16.6	-34.3
Mexico City (IPC)	6088.5	-3.7	7.7	-10.8

FUNDAMENTALS	Sept. 4	Wk. ago	Yr. ago
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.37%	1.34%	1.07%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	31.3	32.0	30.2
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	20.2	20.9	23.9
First Call Earnings Revision*	-2.4%	-2.56%	-1.64%

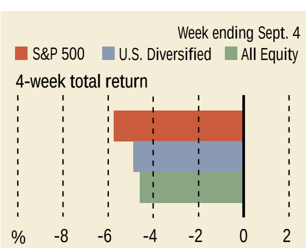
*First Call Corp.

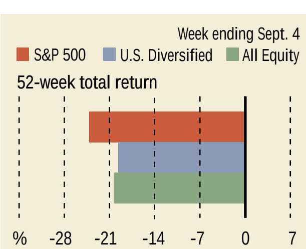
TECHNICAL INDICATORS	Sept. 4	Wk. ago	Reading
S&P 500 200-day average	1251.5	1256.2	Negative
Stocks above 200-day average	59.0%	62.0%	Neutral
Options: Put/call ratio	0.88	0.70	Positive
Insiders: Vickers Sell/buy ratio	2.75	2.82	Negative

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS	Last month %		Last 12 months %
Metal & Glass Containers	14.5	Engineering & Constr.	101.8
Engineering & Constr.	14.1	Toys	70.8
Cosmetics	11.7	Pollution Control	68.2
Soft Drinks	10.5	Tobacco	61.7
Gold Mining	10.0	Hospital Management	53.9

WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS	Last month %		Last 12 months %
Major Regional Banks	-26.2	Communications Equip.	-82.4
Communications Equip.	-24.8	Computer Systems	-62.3
Money Center Banks	-23.0	Semiconductors	-59.7
Specialty Appar. Retailers	-21.0	Instrumentation	-56.2
Personal Loans	-19.9	Oil & Gas Drilling	-50.6

Mutual Funds





Data: Standard & Poor's

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-week total return	%	52-week total return	%
Leaders		**Leaders**	
Precious Metals	2.9	Real Estate	16.5
Health	1.3	Small-cap Value	12.9
Real Estate	1.0	Mid-cap Value	12.7
Small-cap Value	-1.1	Financial	9.3
Laggards		**Laggards**	
Technology	-15.3	Technology	-60.6
Communications	-13.1	Communications	-58.1
Japan	-9.3	Japan	-41.5
Large-cap Growth	-7.4	Mid-cap Growth	-38.2

EQUITY FUNDS

4-week total return	%	52-week total return	%
Leaders		**Leaders**	
ProFunds UltraShort OTC	37.0	Potomac Internet Short	244.9
Rydex Dynamic Vent. 100	36.8	Rydex Dynamic Vent. 100	189.4
Potomac Internet Short	32.0	ProFunds UltraShort OTC	180.1
Rydex Arktos Investor	18.0	Rydex Arktos Investor	111.2
Laggards		**Laggards**	
ProFunds UltraOTC Inv.	-30.8	ProFunds UltraOTC Inv.	-91.9
Berkshire Focus	-29.1	Potomac Internet Plus	-86.1
Berkshire Technology	-29.0	Berkshire Focus	-85.9
Potomac Internet Plus	-26.5	Berkshire Technology	-85.9

Interest Rates

KEY RATES	Sept. 5	Week ago	Year ago
MONEY MARKET FUNDS	3.32%	3.34%	6.15%
90-DAY TREASURY BILLS	3.41	3.42	6.21
1-YEAR TREASURY BILLS	3.47	3.44	6.18
10-YEAR TREASURY NOTES	4.97	4.78	5.72
30-YEAR TREASURY BONDS	5.48	5.36	5.71
30-YEAR FIXED MORTGAGE†	6.89	6.82	7.89

†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	4.09%	4.84%
TAXABLE EQUIVALENT	5.93	7.01
INSURED REVENUE BONDS	4.25	5.12
TAXABLE EQUIVALENT	6.16	7.42

THE WEEK AHEAD

INSTALLMENT CREDIT *Monday, Sept. 10, 3 p.m. EDT* ▶ Consumers likely added $4.2 billion of debt in July. That's according to the median forecast of economists surveyed by Standard & Poor's MMS, a division of The McGraw Hill Companies. In June, debt fell by $1.6 billion, the first decline since November, 1997, and the largest since April, 1992.

CURRENT-ACCOUNT DEFICIT *Wednesday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m. EDT* ▶ The U.S. current-account deficit likely narrowed in the second quarter to $105 billion, from $109.6 billion in the first quarter.

EXPORT-IMPORT PRICES *Thursday, Sept. 13, 8:30 a.m. EDT* ▶ Import prices in August are expected to have remained unchanged, while export prices are expected to have declined 0.2%.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX *Friday, Sept. 14, 8:30 a.m. EDT* ▶ Producer prices of finished goods likely rose 0.1% in August, after slipping 0.9% in July. Excluding food and energy, core prices likely rose 0.1%, as energy prices stabilized.

RETAIL SALES *Friday, Sept. 14, 8:30 a.m. EDT* ▶ Retail sales probably increased 0.3% in August. Excluding autos, sales probably grew at the same rate.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION *Friday, Sept. 14, 9:15 a.m. EDT* ▶ Factory output likely fell 0.2% in August, and capacity utilization likely dropped to 76.6%. July output fell 0.1%, with a utilization rate of 77%.

The BusinessWeek Fifty

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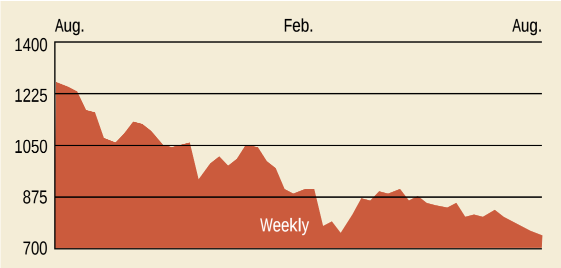
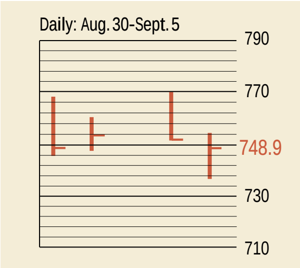


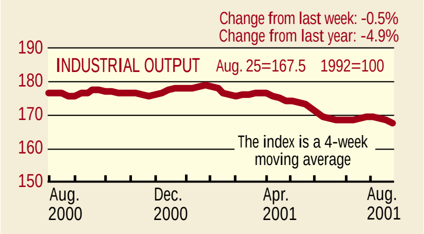


The BW 50 fell 2.5%. Credit-card issuer Providian Financial sank 25.4% when it warned it would earn a few pennies less than expected. It was followed closely by former tech stalwarts Sun Microsystems and Tellabs, down 20.8% and 17.6%, respectively. Bucking the trend were oil companies Exxon Mobil, up 2.1%, and Phillips Petroleum, up 1.2%.

COMPANY PERFORMANCE

Rank	Company	% change Week	% change Since 3/1/01
1	Tyco International	–4.5	–8.4
2	Anadarko Petroleum	–0.3	–16.5
3	Calpine	–9.3	–31.2
4	Dynegy	–4.0	–10.4
5	Applied Materials	–3.9	–7.2
6	Providian Financial	–25.4	–41.6
7	Occidental Petroleum	1.5	18.7
8	Apache	–2.4	–20.6
9	Kerr-McGee	1.3	–6.7
10	Oracle	–9.6	–43.5
11	Lehman Brothers Holdings	0.0	–3.7
12	EMC	–10.9	–66.2
13	AES	–13.7	–43.8
14	Forest Laboratories	1.4	11.8
15	FleetBoston Financial	0.9	–11.0
16	Micron Technology	–4.1	0.3
17	Xilinx	–0.3	–8.8
18	Amerada Hess	0.0	7.9
19	Duke Energy	0.4	–5.6
20	ADC Telecommunications	–6.3	–63.9
21	Capital One Financial	–7.4	–5.9
22	Phillips Petroleum	1.2	10.6
23	Analog Devices	–9.0	7.7
24	EOG Resources	–1.4	–27.2
25	Cardinal Health	1.1	10.6
26	Verizon Communications	0.0	3.2
27	Citigroup	–1.9	–6.3
28	Sun Microsystems	–20.8	–47.0
29	Merck	0.8	–15.1
30	El Paso	–1.2	–29.9
31	Altera	–0.1	10.4
32	Marsh & McLennan	–1.3	–12.9
33	Household International	–5.7	–2.0
34	Chevron	–0.4	5.3
35	SBC Communications	1.9	–7.2
36	Mercury Interactive	–15.5	–58.5
37	AOL Time Warner	–4.5	–16.5
38	Washington Mutual	0.0	10.0
39	General Dynamics	–3.4	15.6
40	Comcast	0.1	–14.8
41	Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	–4.0	–18.7
42	Tellabs	–17.6	–73.9
43	Exxon Mobil	2.1	1.3
44	Scientific-Atlanta	–8.2	–58.8
45	U.S. Bancorp	0.0	3.9
46	Paychex	–7.7	–11.2
47	Merrill Lynch	–1.2	–14.5
48	Bed Bath & Beyond	1.1	14.8
49	Texas Instruments	–1.8	3.2
50	Teradyne	–9.7	–2.4

BW Production Index



The production index fell for the third consecutive week. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index inched up to 166.6, from 166.5. On a seasonally adjusted basis, rail-freight traffic was up on the week, boosted by gains in coal and auto production. Lumber was also higher, while electric power was virtually unchanged. Steel, truck assemblies, and crude-oil refining were all down. For all of August, the index declined to 167.5, from 169.5 in July.

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