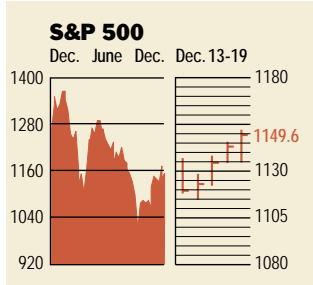


Stocks



COMMENTARY

Stocks rallied in the week ending Dec. 19, paced by the Standard & Poor's 500 index and the Dow Jones' industrial average, which rose 1.1% and 1.8% respectively. IBM led the charge, hitting a 52-week high. But the action was not confined to large-caps: The S&P Small Cap 600 rose 2.3%, followed by the S&P MidCap 400, up 1.3%. The tech-laden Nasdaq, however, slipped 1.4%.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets
Bridge Information Systems, Inc.

U.S. MARKETS	Dec. 19	% change		
		Week	Year to date	Last 12 months
S&P 500	1149.6	1.1	-12.9	-9.1
Dow Jones Industrials	10,070.5	1.8	-6.6	-2.4
Nasdaq Composite	1982.9	-1.4	-19.7	-15.0
S&P MidCap 400	501.9	1.3	-2.9	4.6
S&P SmallCap 600	228.7	2.3	4.1	14.1
Wilshire 5000	10,682.2	1.1	-12.3	-7.7

SECTORS

	Dec. 19	Week	Year to date	Last 12 months
BusinessWeek 50*	729.1	0.8	-24.8	-25.8
BusinessWeek Info Tech 100**	425.8	-1.8	-24.7	-29.3
S&P/BARRA Growth	602.0	1.7	-12.4	-9.4
S&P/BARRA Value	546.8	0.4	-14.0	-9.5
S&P Energy	793.1	2.2	-14.9	-13.2
S&P Financials	147.2	1.5	-10.6	-5.4
S&P REIT	92.8	-0.2	5.5	6.3
S&P Transportation	685.7	1.5	-1.7	6.2
S&P Utilities	231.5	3.9	-34.0	-30.6
GSTI Internet	105.3	-3.9	-42.0	-47.4
PSE Technology	698.9	-1.5	-14.2	-9.7

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

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

Group	Last month %	Last 12 months %
Instrumentation	31.4	70.0
Oil & Gas Drilling	17.6	53.1
Heavy-Duty Trucks	14.9	50.2
Transportation Services	10.1	46.2
Metal & Glass Containers	10.0	45.8
Specialty Printing		
Leisure Time		
Toys		
Furnishings & Appliances		

GLOBAL MARKETS	Dec. 19	% change		
		Week	Year to date	Last 12 months
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	1054.2	-1.2	-26.0	-23.1
London (FT-SE 100)	5120.6	0.0	-17.7	-17.1
Paris (CAC 40)	4467.9	-0.9	-24.6	-22.5
Frankfurt (DAX)	4984.7	-1.5	-22.5	-20.2
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	10,471.9	-3.1	-24.0	-24.7
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	11,565.2	-2.4	-23.4	-22.5
Toronto (TSE 300)	7501.1	-1.0	-16.0	-13.2
Mexico City (IPC)	6250.7	1.6	10.6	19.5

FUNDAMENTALS

	Dec. 18	Wk. ago	Yr. ago
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.36%	1.37%	1.22%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	46.5	45.8	25.0
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	21.8	21.7	21.3
First Call Earnings Revision*	-3.28%	-2.24%	-4.39%

*First Call Corp.

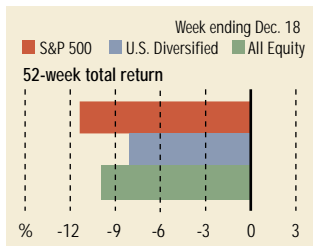
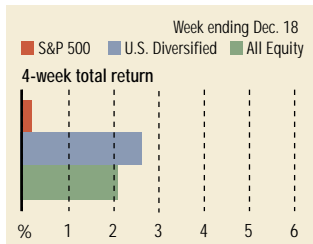
TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	Dec. 18	Wk. ago	Reading
S&P 500 200-day average	1170.5	1173.6	Negative
Stocks above 200-day average	51.0%	50.0%	Neutral
Options: Put/call ratio	0.71	0.71	Positive
Insiders: Vickers Sell/buy ratio	2.27	1.29	Neutral

WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

Group	Last month %	Last 12 months %
Natural Gas	-17.9	-60.3
Food Chains	-11.3	-55.3
Toys	-8.5	-39.4
Communications Equip.	-7.9	-32.0
Specialty Appar. Retailers	-7.7	-24.2
Communications Equip.		
Oil-Well Equip. & Svcs.		
Oil & Gas Drilling		

Mutual Funds



Data: Standard & Poor's

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

Category	4-week total return %	52-week total return %
Leaders		
Precious Metals	9.4	25.3
Latin America	9.1	19.3
Technology	6.9	10.8
Small-cap Growth	6.4	10.1
Laggards		
Japan	-7.2	-36.6
Utilities	-4.2	-34.8
Diversified Pacific/Asia	-0.9	-32.6
Foreign	-0.1	-23.7

EQUITY FUNDS

Fund	4-week total return %	52-week total return %
Leaders		
Frontier Equity	23.1	78.2
Van Wagoner Emerging Gr.	17.8	66.4
Van Wagoner Post Venture	16.7	57.4
Van Wagoner Technology	16.5	54.6
Laggards		
Profunds UltraShort OTC	-15.1	-69.8
Rydex Dynamic Vent. 100	-15.1	-69.2
Potomac Internet Short	-11.1	-68.8
Mathews Japan	-11.0	-68.2

Interest Rates

	Dec. 19	Week ago	Year ago
KEY RATES			
MONEY MARKET FUNDS	1.92%	2.01%	6.14%
90-DAY TREASURY BILLS	1.68	1.67	5.78
2-YEAR TREASURY NOTES	3.07	2.94	5.35
10-YEAR TREASURY NOTES	5.04	4.98	5.04
30-YEAR TREASURY BONDS	5.44	5.46	5.40
30-YEAR FIXED MORTGAGE†	7.15	7.07	7.29

†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	4.47%	5.22%
TAXABLE EQUIVALENT	6.48	7.57
INSURED REVENUE BONDS	4.71	5.49
TAXABLE EQUIVALENT	6.83	7.96

THE WEEK AHEAD

DURABLE GOODS ORDERS *Friday, Dec. 28, 8:30 a.m. EST* ▶ New orders for durable goods probably sank 5% in November. That's according to the median forecast of economists surveyed by Standard & Poor's MMS, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies. In October, durable goods orders soared 12.8%, as orders not placed in September were finally booked. In addition, defense aircraft orders jumped nearly 500%, but the volatile defense category will likely post a large decline for November.

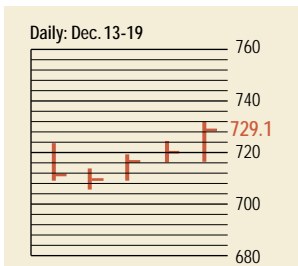
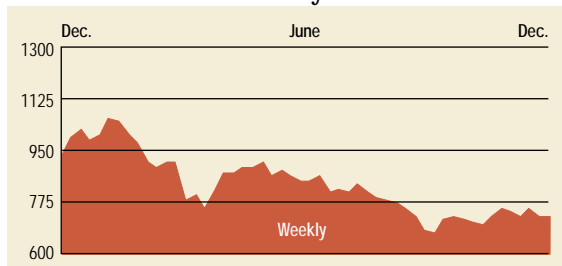
EXISTING HOME SALES *Friday, Dec. 28, 10 a.m. EST* ▶ Sales of existing homes are forecast to have slipped 1%, to an annual rate of 5.12 million, in November, from the October pace of 5.17 million. Through October, sales are at an annual rate of 5.25 million homes, better than the 5.12 million for all of 2000.

NEW RESIDENTIAL SALES *Friday, Dec. 28, 10 a.m. EST* ▶ New single-family home sales in November probably slipped to an annual rate of 873,000, after an un-

pected increase, to 880,000 units, in October. Low interest rates have helped maintain strength in the housing market, but economists will be watching to see if the recent spike in mortgage rates has had an impact on home buying.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE *Friday, Dec. 28, 10 a.m. EST* ▶ The Conference Board's consumer confidence index for December likely rose to 83.5, from 82.2 in November. The gain is expected to come from a rebound in consumers' present outlook.

The BusinessWeek Fifty

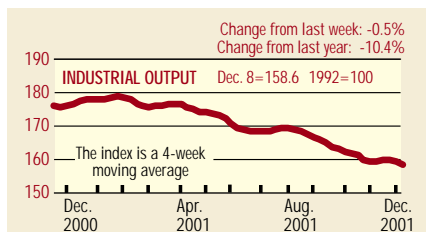


The BW 50 rose 0.8% for the week. Financials, including credit-card companies Providian Financial, up 14.0%, and Capital One Financial, up 4.4%, led the charge. The big news, however, was Citigroup's plan to sell its Travelers Property Casualty unit to the public, in a deal expected to raise some \$5 billion. Citi rose 3.8%. Tech stocks were weak, with Scientific-Atlanta losing 19.9% and Texas Instruments 13.4%.

COMPANY PERFORMANCE

Rank	Company	% change		Rank	Company	% change	
		Week	Since 3/1/01			Week	Since 3/1/01
1	Tyco International	2.2	4.8	26	Verizon Communications	2.3	0.0
2	Anadarko Petroleum	2.1	-16.6	27	Citigroup	3.8	2.8
3	Calpine	-7.7	-67.0	28	Sun Microsystems	-7.6	-37.9
4	Dynegy	-4.5	-48.9	29	Merck	1.4	-25.6
5	Applied Materials	-7.8	-8.7	30	El Paso	12.3	-38.4
6	Providian Financial	14.0	-93.4	31	Altera	-10.2	-12.1
7	Occidental Petroleum	3.1	6.8	32	Marsh & McLennan	4.7	2.6
8	Apache	8.1	-14.7	33	Household International	5.0	-2.6
9	Kerr-McGee	3.4	-19.6	34	ChevronTexaco	2.2	0.8
10	Oracle	-1.2	-30.2	35	SBC Communications	3.0	-13.5
11	Lehman Brothers Holdings	-0.5	-2.5	36	Mercury Interactive	1.1	-39.1
12	EMC	-9.9	-65.8	37	AOL Time Warner	1.6	-24.9
13	AES	4.9	-72.4	38	Washington Mutual	-0.1	-6.5
14	Forest Laboratories	3.8	18.6	39	General Dynamics	-1.8	17.0
15	FleetBoston Financial	4.2	-5.8	40	Comcast	-5.2	-12.4
16	Micron Technology	-5.2	-16.2	41	Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	1.4	-12.3
17	Xilinx	-7.1	-5.4	42	Tellabs	-9.5	-66.3
18	Amerada Hess	3.1	-17.4	43	Exxon Mobil	2.5	-5.8
19	Duke Energy	9.2	-8.9	44	Scientific-Atlanta	-19.9	-50.9
20	ADC Telecommunications	-8.6	-56.5	45	U.S. Bancorp	2.8	-12.9
21	Capital One Financial	4.4	-7.3	46	Paychex	-8.7	-9.7
22	Phillips Petroleum	2.8	8.1	47	Merrill Lynch	-1.1	-13.0
23	Analog Devices	-1.7	9.5	48	Bed Bath & Beyond	2.6	29.7
24	EOG Resources	5.4	-13.9	49	Texas Instruments	-13.4	-13.9
25	Cardinal Health	-2.0	-4.5	50	Teradyne	-4.6	-4.0

BW Production Index



The production index was down during the latest week. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index dropped to 157.2, from 158.2. After seasonal adjustments, the decline was evenly distributed, with all but one component lower for the week. Lumber, autos, coal, crude-oil refining, and steel production all posted moderate declines. Electric power and rail-freight traffic were down narrowly, while truck assemblies posted a slim increase.

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