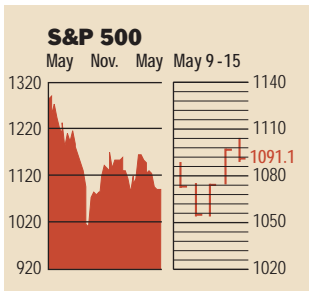


Stocks



COMMENTARY

The S&P and Dow were on track to post their third good day in a row on May 15, until news of an uptick in inflation sent blue-chip stocks downward. But tech stocks and the Nasdaq kept on their roll: The three-day rally began when Applied Materials posted strong quarterly results, and said orders were still improving. All three indices ended the week in the plus column.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets
Bridge Information Systems, Inc.

U.S. MARKETS

| | May 15 | Week | % change Year to date Last 12 months | |
|-----------------------|----------|------|---|-------|
| S&P 500 | 1091.1 | 0.2 | -5.0 | -12.7 |
| Dow Jones Industrials | 10,243.7 | 1.0 | 2.2 | -5.8 |
| Nasdaq Composite | 1725.6 | 1.7 | -11.5 | -17.3 |
| S&P MidCap 400 | 544.5 | 0.9 | 7.1 | 6.3 |
| S&P SmallCap 600 | 257.1 | 1.0 | 10.7 | 15.3 |
| Wilshire 5000 | 10,367.7 | 0.4 | -3.2 | -10.0 |

SECTORS

| | | Week | % change Year to date Last 12 months | |
|------------------------------|-------|------|---|-------|
| BusinessWeek 50* | 678.8 | -0.1 | -7.0 | -23.1 |
| BusinessWeek Info Tech 100** | 350.9 | 1.3 | -16.3 | -28.3 |
| S&P/BARRA Growth | 550.4 | 0.0 | -7.4 | -11.0 |
| S&P/BARRA Value | 538.0 | 0.4 | -2.5 | -14.7 |
| S&P Energy | 219.3 | -0.6 | 3.8 | -11.6 |
| S&P Financials | 361.2 | 0.5 | 1.7 | -3.9 |
| S&P REIT | 99.2 | 0.5 | 6.2 | 13.3 |
| S&P Transportation | 203.5 | 0.3 | 3.3 | -2.8 |
| S&P Utilities | 136.8 | -4.0 | -6.2 | -32.7 |
| GSTI Internet | 87.3 | 6.7 | -16.8 | -35.3 |
| PSE Technology | 619.1 | 2.1 | -9.9 | -16.6 |

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

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

| | Last month % | Last 12 months % |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Internet Software | 15.4 | 85.9 |
| Forest Products | 12.1 | 52.7 |
| Oil & Gas Drilling | 11.0 | 43.8 |
| Specialty Appar. Retailers | 10.9 | 42.2 |
| Automobiles | 10.3 | 36.6 |

GLOBAL MARKETS

| | May 15 | Week | % change Year to date Last 12 months | |
|-----------------------------|----------|------|---|-------|
| S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar) | 1072.9 | 1.5 | -0.9 | -14.0 |
| London (FT-SE 100) | 5259.1 | 1.0 | 0.8 | -10.6 |
| Paris (CAC 40) | 4471.3 | 1.5 | -3.3 | -19.0 |
| Frankfurt (DAX) | 5072.4 | 0.9 | -1.7 | -17.5 |
| Tokyo (NIKKEI 225) | 11,643.0 | 1.1 | 10.4 | -15.0 |
| Hong Kong (Hang Seng) | 11,838.4 | 0.6 | 3.9 | -11.2 |
| Toronto (TSE 300) | 7707.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | -4.2 |
| Mexico City (IPC) | 7402.8 | -1.5 | 16.2 | 23.6 |

FUNDAMENTALS

| | May 14 | Wk. ago | Yr. ago |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| S&P 500 Dividend Yield | 1.43% | 1.49% | 1.26% |
| S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.) | 45.7 | 44.4 | 28.1 |
| S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)* | 19.6 | 18.8 | 21.9 |
| First Call Earnings Revision* | -0.04% | -0.86% | -3.72% |

*First Call Corp.

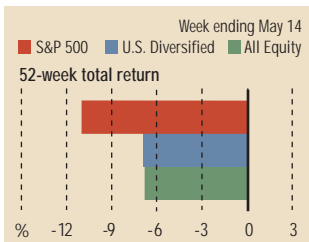
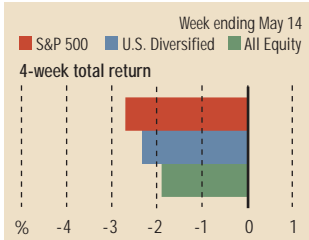
TECHNICAL INDICATORS

| | May 14 | Wk. ago | Reading |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|----------|
| S&P 500 200-day average | 1122.4 | 1125.6 | Negative |
| Stocks above 200-day average | 73.0% | 71.0% | Negative |
| Options: Put/call ratio | 0.69 | 0.80 | Neutral |
| Insiders: Vickers Sell/buy ratio | 4.06 | 4.07 | Negative |

WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

| | Last month % | Last 12 months % |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Multi-Utilities | -20.7 | -79.7 |
| Health-Care Supplies | -11.8 | -70.1 |
| Constr. & Engineering | -11.2 | -58.9 |
| Computer Stge. & Perphs. | -10.7 | -55.5 |
| Office Electronics | -10.2 | -42.9 |

Mutual Funds



Data: Standard & Poor's

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

| 4-week total return % | 52-week total return % |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Leaders | Leaders |
| Precious Metals 15.3 | Precious Metals 66.2 |
| Natural Resources 3.9 | Real Estate 18.2 |
| Japan 2.3 | Small-cap Value 16.7 |
| Diversified Pacific/Asia 1.4 | Diversified Emerging Mkts. 11.3 |
| Laggards | Laggards |
| Communications -8.4 | Communications -40.3 |
| Latin America -8.0 | Technology -31.1 |
| Technology -7.2 | Japan -25.0 |
| Health -6.4 | Utilities -23.8 |

EQUITY FUNDS

| 4-week total return % | 52-week total return % |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Leaders | Leaders |
| U.S. Glob. Wld. Prec. Mins. 21.4 | First Eagle SoGen Gold 99.3 |
| ING Precious Metals A 19.4 | U.S. Glob. Wld. Prec. Mins. 86.0 |
| Van Eck Intl. Invs. Gold A 18.8 | U.S. Global Investors Gold 83.5 |
| Am. Cent. Glob. Gold Inv. 18.6 | Van Eck Intl. Invs. Gold A 82.7 |
| Laggards | Laggards |
| Montry. M. N. Wld. Biotech. -17.7 | ING Global Commun. A -62.3 |
| Van Wagoner Post Venture -17.3 | INVESCO Telecomms. Inv. -59.6 |
| Van Wagoner Emerging Gr. -17.0 | Black Oak Emerging Tech. -59.4 |
| Reg. Opport. Oh.-Ind.-Ky. B -16.9 | Van Wagoner Post Venture -57.0 |

Interest Rates

| KEY RATES | May 15 | Week ago | Year ago |
|--------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
| MONEY MARKET FUNDS | 1.52% | 1.53% | 4.41% |
| 90-DAY TREASURY BILLS | 1.75 | 1.75 | 3.56 |
| 2-YEAR TREASURY NOTES | 3.32 | 3.31 | 4.25 |
| 10-YEAR TREASURY NOTES | 5.25 | 5.22 | 5.46 |
| 30-YEAR TREASURY BONDS | 5.73 | 5.67 | 5.86 |
| 30-YEAR FIXED MORTGAGE† | 6.90 | 6.80 | 7.21 |

†BanxQuote, Inc.

BLOOMBERG MUNI YIELD EQUIVALENTS

| Taxable equivalent yields on AAA-rated, tax-exempt municipal bonds, assuming a 30% federal tax rate. | 10-yr. bond | 30-yr. bond |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| GENERAL OBLIGATIONS | 4.39% | 5.17% |
| TAXABLE EQUIVALENT | 6.27 | 7.39 |
| INSURED REVENUE BONDS | 4.46 | 5.35 |
| TAXABLE EQUIVALENT | 6.37 | 7.64 |

THE WEEK AHEAD

LEADING INDICATORS *Monday, May 20, 10 a.m. EDT* ► The Conference Board's April composite index of leading economic indicators probably remained unchanged. That's according to the median forecast of economists surveyed by Standard & Poor's MMS, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies. In March, the index inched up 0.1%.

FEDERAL BUDGET *Monday, May 20, 2 p.m. EDT* ► The U.S. Treasury most likely registered a \$72 billion surplus in April, after

running a \$189.8 billion surplus in April, 2001. Increased government outlays and less tax revenue could mean a deficit of close to \$100 billion this fiscal year.

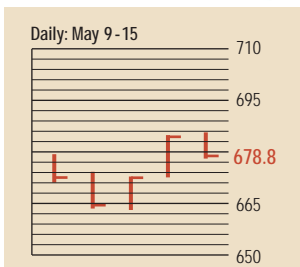
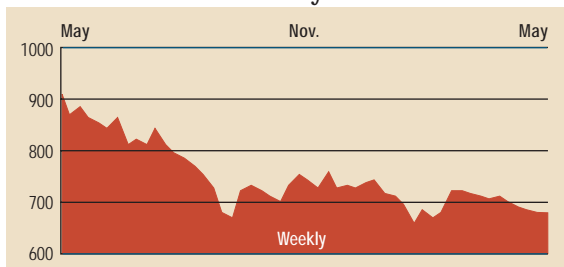
DURABLE GOODS ORDERS *Thursday, May 23, 8:30 a.m. EDT* ► New orders for durable goods are forecast to have increased 0.3% in April, following a 0.6% decline during March.

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT *Friday, May 24, 8:30 a.m. EDT* ► The Commerce Dept.'s

second look at first-quarter economic growth is expected to show no revision to real GDP growth, which was originally reported at 5.8%. Aftertax corporate profits in the first quarter probably rose 5%, reversing a string of five declines, including a 10.6% drop in the fourth quarter.

NEW RESIDENTIAL SALES *Friday, May 24, 10 a.m. EDT* ► New single-family home sales during April probably rose slightly to an annual rate of 880,000 units, from 878,000 homes in March.

The BusinessWeek Fifty

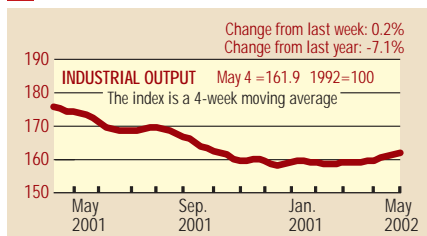


The BW 50 fell a fractional 0.1% for the week. Energy merchant Dynege was once again the big drag on results: Shares plummeted 25.1% on concerns over credit risk as well as disclosures of questionable trading strategies. MBNA and Citigroup rose 4.1% and 2.2%, respectively, on optimism about the recovery, while home-improvement giants Home Depot and Lowe's jumped on a rise in confidence among contractors.

COMPANY PERFORMANCE

| Rank | Company | % change | | Rank | Company | % change | |
|------|----------------------|----------|--------------|------|-------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| | | Week | Since 3/1/02 | | | Week | Since 3/1/02 |
| 1 | Johnson & Johnson | -1.1 | -1.1 | 26 | Tenet Healthcare | -3.7 | 23.5 |
| 2 | Freddie Mac | 1.0 | 5.4 | 27 | Household International | -2.9 | 7.7 |
| 3 | Pfizer | -1.8 | -10.9 | 28 | WellPoint Health Networks | -4.6 | 17.0 |
| 4 | MBNA | 4.1 | 7.7 | 29 | Washington Mutual | 1.4 | 19.0 |
| 5 | Philip Morris | -2.7 | 1.8 | 30 | Duke Energy | -0.5 | 2.5 |
| 6 | KLA-Tencor | 2.6 | 3.6 | 31 | Kohl's | 2.0 | 8.0 |
| 7 | Fannie Mae | 0.6 | 2.2 | 32 | Bed Bath & Beyond | 1.5 | 7.5 |
| 8 | Lowe's | 4.5 | -2.7 | 33 | Cardinal Health | -3.9 | 2.0 |
| 9 | Best Buy | -4.3 | 6.3 | 34 | Centex | -2.3 | -7.8 |
| 10 | AmerisourceBergen | -0.2 | 12.1 | 35 | American Electric Power | -2.4 | 2.3 |
| 11 | UnitedHealth Group | -1.7 | 21.9 | 36 | Golden West Financial | 1.3 | 10.1 |
| 12 | Exelon | -3.6 | 11.3 | 37 | Stryker | -3.4 | -12.2 |
| 13 | Home Depot | 1.4 | -6.0 | 38 | Harley-Davidson | 2.4 | 6.7 |
| 14 | Wal-Mart Stores | 0.7 | -8.5 | 39 | PepsiCo | 1.1 | 3.4 |
| 15 | Dynege | -25.1 | -67.3 | 40 | Merck | 0.5 | -7.2 |
| 16 | General Dynamics | 0.8 | 9.8 | 41 | Apache | -2.3 | 6.9 |
| 17 | Phillips Petroleum | -0.6 | 1.9 | 42 | Amerada Hess | 4.8 | 17.5 |
| 18 | Forest Laboratories | 3.4 | -2.1 | 43 | KB Home | 0.3 | 18.9 |
| 19 | Block (H&R) | 0.2 | -8.0 | 44 | First Data | 4.8 | 0.8 |
| 20 | Calpine | -2.1 | 19.9 | 45 | Tyco International | -2.2 | -33.3 |
| 21 | Occidental Petroleum | 1.6 | 10.2 | 46 | International Game Technology | 3.1 | -5.0 |
| 22 | Sysco | -1.0 | -5.7 | 47 | Capital One Financial | 3.1 | 30.9 |
| 23 | Pulte Homes | -1.4 | 1.3 | 48 | Electronic Data Systems | 0.2 | -6.5 |
| 24 | Marathon Oil | -1.6 | 2.5 | 49 | Nabors Industries | -5.7 | 23.6 |
| 25 | Citigroup | 2.2 | 1.1 | 50 | Xcel Energy | -19.5 | -11.4 |

BW Production Index



The production index posted another gain during the latest week. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index inched lower, from 161.5 to 161.3. On a seasonally adjusted basis, steel production showed the largest increase, while autos and crude-oil refining showed narrow gains. Lumber and truck assemblies declined moderately, along with small drops in coal and rail-freight traffic. Electric power remained unchanged from the previous week.

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