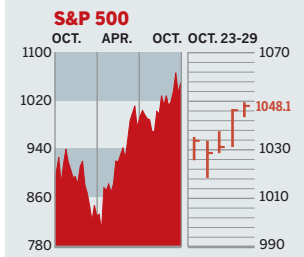


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STOCKS

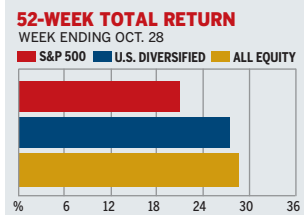
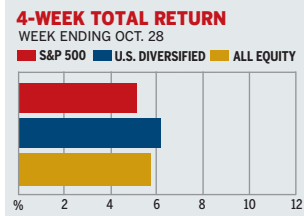


COMMENTARY

Stable interest rates, an imminent report of 6% quarterly economic growth and new estimates of a lower federal budget deficit sent stocks up for three days in a row. Big-bank mergers and a steady stream of better-than-forecast earnings for the third quarter helped. The Dow and S&P 500 jumped almost 2% during the week ended Oct. 29.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

MUTUAL FUNDS



Data: Standard & Poor's

U.S. MARKETS

	OCT. 29	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P 500	1048.1	1.7	19.1	18.8
Dow Jones Industrials	9774.5	1.8	17.2	16.8
NASDAQ Composite	1936.6	2.0	45.0	48.9
S&P MidCap 400	547.5	2.7	27.4	30.5
S&P SmallCap 600	257.1	3.3	30.8	34.3
Wilshire 5000	10,207.3	2.0	22.3	22.9

SECTORS

	OCT. 29	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
BusinessWeek 50*	599.5	0.6	10.5	5.8
BW Info Tech 100**	335.6	0.1	17.6	19.5
S&P/BARRA Growth	529.2	1.3	17.9	15.6
S&P/BARRA Value	515.2	2.1	20.4	22.4
S&P Energy	199.2	0.1	8.7	14.0
S&P Financials	363.9	2.0	22.6	20.4
S&P REIT	109.2	-0.3	20.2	25.6
S&P Transportation	193.6	2.4	13.9	17.0
S&P Utilities	111.4	-0.2	14.0	22.7
GSTI Internet	146.1	3.2	95.6	96.3
PSE Technology	665.6	2.7	45.2	52.8

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

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Homebuilding	27.1	201.0
Divsfd. Metals & Mining	19.2	138.8
Internet Software	18.9	123.6
Steel	16.8	94.6
Photographic Products	16.6	90.6
Internet Software	20.1	201.0
Divsfd. Metals & Mining	138.8	138.8
Comptr. Stge. & Perphs.	123.6	123.6
Computer Stores	94.6	94.6
Homebuilding	90.6	90.6

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS			
Precious Metals	10.5	Precious Metals	67.6
Technology	10.0	Technology	62.1
Pacific/Asia ex-Japan	8.3	Latin America	55.4
Small-cap Growth	8.1	Diversified Emerg. Mkts.	49.2
LAGGARDS			
Real Estate	1.5	Domestic Hybrid	16.1
Utilities	1.8	Miscellaneous	18.4
Health	2.0	Large-cap Blend	19.1
Natural Resources	2.4	Utilities	20.9

EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS			
Rydex Dynam. Veloc. 100	18.0	Apex Mid Cap Growth	186.8
ProFunds UltraOTC Inv.	17.9	ProFds. Intnet. Ultr. Inv.	172.4
ProFds. Intnet. Ultr. Inv.	17.9	Jacob Internet	168.3
Berkshire Focus	17.6	Oberweis Micro Cap	120.2
LAGGARDS			
ProFunds UltSh. OTC Inv.	-16.7	Rydex Dynam. Vent. 100	-64.2
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ProFunds UltraBear Inv.	-9.9	Frontier Equity	-61.5
Rydex Dyn. Tempest 500	-9.9	Potomac OTC/Short Inv.	-39.3

GLOBAL MARKETS

	OCT. 29	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	1031.1	0.4	22.1	30.4
London (FT-SE 100)	4265.7	-0.5	8.3	8.4
Paris (CAC 40)	3367.0	1.9	9.9	13.6
Frankfurt (DAX)	3615.4	3.6	25.0	19.6
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	10,739.2	-1.4	25.2	22.6
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	12,130.5	-0.9	30.1	26.9
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	7730.5	0.3	16.9	22.8
Mexico City (IPC)	7925.2	0.1	29.3	34.5

FUNDAMENTALS

	OCT. 28	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.62%	1.62%	1.78%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	27.2	28.1	28.4
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	17.6	17.6	16.1
First Call Earnings Surprise*	6.02%	6.24%	2.90%

*First Call Corp.

TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	OCT. 28	WEEK AGO	READING
S&P 500 200-day average	945.6	942.8	Positive
Stocks above 200-day average	81.0%	82.0%	Negative
Options: Put/call ratio	0.77	0.66	Positive
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	5.55	5.51	Negative

WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %	
Oil & Gas Equipment	-6.0	Health-Care Facilities	-33.7
Biotechnology	-5.9	Photographic Products	-28.6
Home Furnishings	-5.5	Food Chains	-10.6
Trading Cos. & Distribs.	-5.4	Health-Care Distributors	-10.4
Systems Software	-4.5	Motorcycles	-8.7

INTEREST RATES

KEY RATES

	OCT. 29	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Money Market Funds	0.60%	0.61%	1.35%
90-Day Treasury Bills	0.95	0.95	1.49
2-Year Treasury Notes	1.71	1.76	1.74
10-Year Treasury Notes	4.28	4.25	3.96
30-Year Treasury Bonds	5.16	5.14	5.03
30-Year Fixed Mortgage †	5.86	5.89	6.07

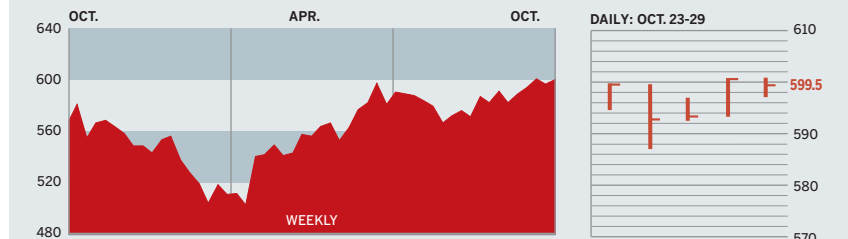
†BanxQuote, Inc.

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	3.78%	4.73%
Taxable Equivalent	5.40	6.76
Insured Revenue Bonds	3.78	4.98
Taxable Equivalent	5.40	7.11

THE BUSINESSWEEK FIFTY



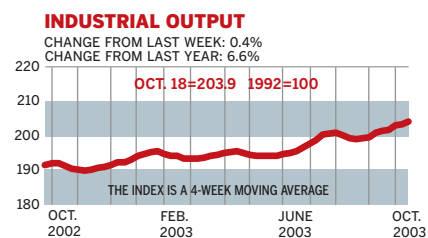
The BW50 gained 0.6%, but lagged behind the market. Declines in drug stocks were partly to blame. Johnson & Johnson, the No. 1 maker of medical devices, got hit by news that a product had led to patient deaths. Merck and McKesson also fell. Retail stocks, such as Lowe's and Best Buy soared. Kohl's shares gained 10% after it announced a deal with Estee Lauder.

COMPANY PERFORMANCE

RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/03	RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/03
1	Forest Laboratories	0.6	0.4	26	U.S. Bancorp	6.7	31.6
2	WellPoint Health Networks	6.0	31.8	27	H&R Block	2.6	19.0
3	UnitedHealth Group	-5.0	26.1	28	Sysco	5.0	23.0
4	Johnson & Johnson	-0.9	-5.7	29	Procter & Gamble	2.1	18.8
5	Progressive	3.0	44.0	30	eBay	2.9	45.9
6	AmerisourceBergen	0.2	4.0	31	Biomet	7.0	16.8
7	Lowe's	3.0	50.9	32	Exelon	-0.1	29.7
8	Pfizer	2.1	4.9	33	Kohl's	10.0	15.5
9	Dell Computer	-0.3	34.7	34	Wachovia	-0.4	27.2
10	St. Jude Medical	-1.2	25.5	35	3M	2.3	23.7
11	Cardinal Health	4.9	2.5	36	Harley-Davidson	1.4	21.7
12	Bed Bath & Beyond	6.0	29.4	37	Walgreen	4.9	23.3
13	Washington Mutual	5.3	27.4	38	Altria Group	3.1	20.8
14	United Parcel Service	2.5	22.7	39	Mattel	0.2	-10.7
15	Microsoft	-7.4	12.8	40	AFLAC	3.1	16.3
16	Freddie Mac	0.5	4.8	41	Abbott Laboratories	4.6	20.4
17	Electronic Arts	-1.4	90.3	42	First Data	-0.8	2.7
18	International Game Technology	3.7	63.6	43	Dominion Resources	0.6	14.0
19	Pulte Homes	2.3	23.7	44	Coca-Cola	1.2	14.0
20	Merck	-1.7	-10.2	45	Wrigley (Wm.) Jr.	0.3	4.3
21	Medtronic	3.5	5.1	46	Wal-Mart Stores	1.0	22.5
22	PepsiCo	0.9	25.6	47	Quest Diagnostics	5.8	28.3
23	Wells Fargo	0.3	21.0	48	General Dynamics	2.6	42.8
24	McKesson	-8.2	12.8	49	Northrop Grumman	5.2	4.2
25	Stryker	1.4	24.7	50	Best Buy	5.5	96.3

Data: Reuters

BW PRODUCTION INDEX



The production index increased for an eighth consecutive week. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index climbed to 205.2, from 204.4. On a seasonally adjusted basis, moderate increases in steel, crude-oil refining, and auto production led the way. Rail-freight traffic also rose, with the total number of trailers and containers moved reaching a record level. Output of electric power rose slightly, while coal, lumber, and truck assemblies declined.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PURCHASING MANAGERS' INDEX

Monday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. EST » The Institute for Supply Management's industrial activity index for October is forecast to have improved to 54.1%, from 53.7% in September. That's according to the median forecast of economists surveyed by MMS International.

CONSTRUCTION SPENDING

Monday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. EST » Building outlays in

September likely grew by 0.2% for a third straight month.

FACTORY INVENTORIES

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m. EST » September manufacturing inventories probably declined by 0.4%. In August, inventories were drawn down by an additional 0.2%.

PRODUCTIVITY & COSTS

Thursday, Nov. 6, 8:30 a.m. EST » Output per hour worked in the third quarter is apt to have jumped by 7%, after a strong 6.8%

increase in the previous quarter. Unit labor costs likely fell 3%, following a 2.8% decline.

EMPLOYMENT

Friday, Nov. 7, 8:30 a.m. EST » October nonfarm payrolls are expected to have grown for a second straight month, by 35,000. But factories probably cut 20,000 jobs. The unemployment rate likely held at 6.1%, while the workweek probably inched up to 33.8 hours, from 33.7 hours in September.

The *BusinessWeek* production index increased to 203.9 for the week ended Oct. 18, up 6.6% from the previous year. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index rose to 205.2.

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