

# Personal Business Figures of the Week

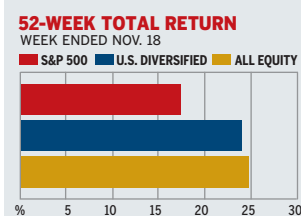
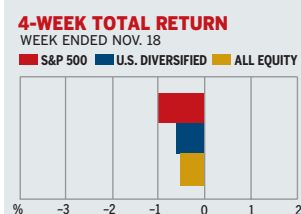
## STOCKS



**COMMENTARY**  
Stocks rose on Nov. 19 after housing starts rose to their highest level since 1986 and GE, the largest company in terms of market value, said it would return to double-digit profit growth. GE plans to sell a piece of its insurance and mortgage business to the public. But it was not enough to lift the broader indexes, which fell for the week on renewed terrorist fears.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

## MUTUAL FUNDS



Data: Standard & Poor's

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (REVISED)** Tuesday, Nov. 25, 8:30 a.m. EST » The economy probably grew by an upwardly revised annual rate of 7.3% in the third quarter, up from the initial report of 7.2% and 3.3% growth in the second quarter. That's based on the median forecast of economists surveyed by MMS International. Aftertax corporate profits during the third quarter are expected to have climbed 14%.

**CONSUMER CONFIDENCE** Tuesday, Nov. 25, 10 a.m. EST » The Conference Board's confidence index very likely rose to 84.4 in November from 81.1 in October. Signs of a nascent job recovery should boost optimism.

**DURABLE GOODS ORDERS** Wednesday, Nov. 26, 8:30 a.m. EST » New orders for durable goods are forecast to have increased by 0.3% in October after a 1.1% jump in September.

**NEW RESIDENTIAL SALES** Wednesday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m. EST » New single-family home sales in October likely eased to an annual rate of 1.14 million.

**BEIGE BOOK** Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2:00 p.m. EST » The Federal Reserve will issue its summary of regional economic activity before the Dec. 9 policy meeting. Economists surveyed by MMS International expect no change in interest rates.

The *BusinessWeek* production index rose to 206.1 for the week ended Nov. 8, up 8.6% from a year ago. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index inched up to 206.9.

## BusinessWeek online

For the BW50, more investment data, and the components of the production index visit [www.businessweek.com/magazine/extra.htm](http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/extra.htm)

## U.S. MARKETS

	NOV. 19	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P 500	1042.4	-1.5	18.5	16.2
Dow Jones Industrials	9690.5	-1.6	16.2	14.3
NASDAQ Composite	1899.7	-3.7	42.2	38.2
S&P MidCap 400	549.3	-2.2	27.8	29.1
S&P SmallCap 600	256.6	-2.2	30.5	32.6
Wilshire 5000	10,156.0	-1.7	21.7	20.1

## SECTORS

	NOV. 19	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
BusinessWeek 50*	600.1	-0.1	10.6	7.4
BW Info Tech 100**	327.4	-2.7	14.7	11.6
S&P/BARRA Growth	529.8	-0.9	18.0	14.1
S&P/BARRA Value	509.0	-2.1	18.9	18.6
S&P Energy	194.3	-0.9	6.1	7.0
S&P Financials	356.6	-2.4	20.1	17.5
S&P REIT	112.0	-0.1	23.4	25.5
S&P Transportation	197.1	-1.6	15.9	17.1
S&P Utilities	108.9	-1.4	11.4	19.0
GST Internet	132.4	-6.9	77.2	65.3
PSE Technology	654.9	-4.0	42.9	40.2

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

## BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

GROUP	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Health-Care Services	16.4	149.3
Gold Mining	15.5	134.3
Homebuilding	13.1	108.6
Fertilizers & Ag. Chems.	11.6	100.9
Tobacco	11.4	91.0

## EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
<b>LEADERS</b>		<b>LEADERS</b>	
Precious Metals	11.2	Precious Metals	78.1
Europe	2.1	Latin America	56.4
Real Estate	1.9	Diversified Emerg. Mkts.	45.4
Latin America	1.0	Technology	44.4
<b>LAGGARDS</b>		<b>LAGGARDS</b>	
Japan	-10.6	Domestic Hybrid	14.1
Diversified Pacific/Asia	-5.3	Large-cap Blend	15.8
Technology	-3.4	Large-cap Growth	16.7
Communications	-2.1	Miscellaneous	17.2

## EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
<b>LEADERS</b>		<b>LEADERS</b>	
U.S. Gl. Inv. Pr. Minls.	19.5	U.S. Gl. Invs. Pr. Minls.	138.7
Scudder Gd. & Pr. Mts. S	16.2	Apex Mid Cap Growth	135.9
U.S. Global Invs. Gold	16.2	Scudder Gd. & Pr. Mts. S	135.8
OCM Gold	14.9	U.S. Gl. Invs. Resources	113.1
<b>LAGGARDS</b>		<b>LAGGARDS</b>	
ProFunds Ultra Japan Inv.	-24.0	Rydex Dynam. Vent. 100	-55.0
ProFds. Intnet. Ultr. Inv.	-16.5	ProFunds UltSh. OTC Inv.	-54.8
ING Russia A	-16.3	Frontier Equity	-52.6
J.P. Morgan Flem. Jap. A	-15.6	Potomac Sm. Cap/Sh. Inv.	-33.4

## GLOBAL MARKETS

	NOV. 19	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	1056.7	0.5	25.1	22.6
London (FT-SE 100)	4327.4	-1.0	9.8	5.6
Paris (CAC 40)	3343.4	-2.0	9.1	5.2
Frankfurt (DAX)	3652.3	-2.6	26.3	13.9
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	9614.6	-6.0	12.1	13.7
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	11,873.0	-0.8	27.4	19.1
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	7801.1	0.0	17.9	21.4
Mexico City (IPC)	8351.3	-2.2	36.3	48.0

## FUNDAMENTALS

	NOV. 18	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.66%	1.63%	1.76%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	26.3	26.8	29.2
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	17.5	17.6	16.2
First Call Earnings Revision*	-0.77%	-0.06%	-2.63%

\*First Call Corp.

## TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	NOV. 18	WEEK AGO	READING
S&P 500 200-day average	958.0	953.2	Positive
Stocks above 200-day average	82.0%	83.0%	Negative
Options: Put/call ratio	0.68	0.71	Neutral
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	6.74	6.36	Negative

## WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

GROUP	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %	
Home Entertainment	-14.5	Photographic Products	-28.3
Constr. & Engineering	-11.0	Trading Cos. & Distribs.	-13.3
Systems Software	-8.9	Intgrd. Telecomms. Svcs.	-10.2
Wireless Services	-8.1	Multi-line Insurers	-10.0
Insurance Brokers	-7.9	Motorcycles	-8.7

## INTEREST RATES

### KEY RATES

	NOV. 19	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Money Market Funds	0.61%	0.68%	1.22%
90-Day Treasury Bills	0.94	0.94	1.21
2-Year Treasury Notes	1.87	2.02	1.94
10-Year Treasury Notes	4.24	4.40	4.06
30-Year Treasury Bonds	5.08	5.21	4.94
30-Year Fixed Mortgage†	5.69	5.95	5.98

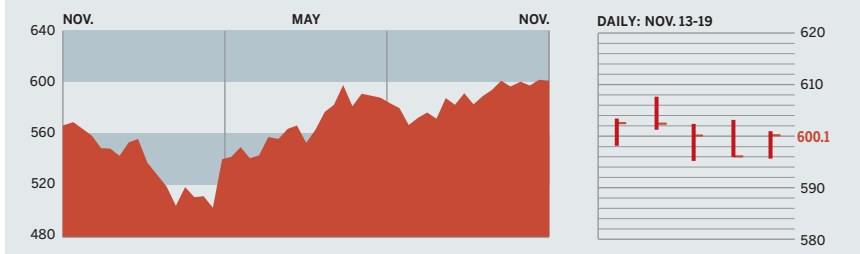
†BanxQuote, Inc.

## 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	3.68%	4.62%
Taxable Equivalent	5.26	6.60
Insured Revenue Bonds	3.81	4.87
Taxable Equivalent	5.44	6.96

## THE BUSINESSWEEK FIFTY



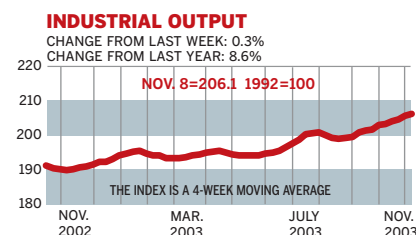
The BW 50 almost ended the week in the positive column—still an achievement in a week in which the broader market lost ground. Dragging down results was high-flier Electronic Arts, which lost a whopping 14.1% on fears that game sales may be declining. But health-care stocks Abbott Laboratories, J&J, and Forest Labs, each rising roughly 6%, were able to salve the wound.

## COMPANY PERFORMANCE

RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/03	RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/03
1	Forest Laboratories	5.3	5.0	26	U.S. Bancorp	-1.7	29.8
2	WellPoint Health Networks	2.7	32.0	27	H&R Block	-2.4	18.4
3	UnitedHealth Group	3.9	24.4	28	Sysco	0.9	29.8
4	Johnson & Johnson	5.6	-0.4	29	Procter & Gamble	-0.9	17.4
5	Progressive	2.7	49.8	30	eBay	-4.4	35.3
6	AmerisourceBergen	2.0	18.1	31	Biomet	-1.6	12.3
7	Lowe's	-2.0	46.4	32	Exelon	0.1	27.3
8	Pfizer	6.2	15.4	33	Kohl's	-3.5	0.0
9	Dell Computer	-3.1	28.3	34	Wachovia	-3.5	24.5
10	St. Jude Medical	-0.6	28.4	35	3M	-2.6	22.6
11	Cardinal Health	5.1	7.1	36	Harley-Davidson	-5.2	14.1
12	Bed Bath & Beyond	-7.3	20.3	37	Walgreen	-1.8	26.5
13	Washington Mutual	-0.2	32.8	38	Altria Group	-0.5	29.4
14	United Parcel Service	-0.6	25.8	39	Mattel	-4.6	-11.1
15	Microsoft	-2.4	7.0	40	AFLAC	-0.9	13.7
16	Freddie Mac	-1.2	0.1	41	Abbott Laboratories	6.0	24.5
17	Electronic Arts	-14.1	67.0	42	First Data	-2.9	5.1
18	International Game Technology	-2.0	63.3	43	Dominion Resources	-1.5	11.4
19	Pulte Homes	-2.6	22.6	44	Coca-Cola	-0.5	16.5
20	Merck	4.3	-7.7	45	Wrigley (Wm.) Jr.	-1.6	4.0
21	Medtronic	1.7	0.9	46	Wal-Mart Stores	-4.7	14.9
22	PepsiCo	-0.2	25.1	47	Quest Diagnostics	4.2	34.6
23	Wells Fargo	-0.6	24.4	48	General Dynamics	-2.4	36.9
24	McKesson	1.7	10.3	49	Northrop Grumman	1.9	6.0
25	Stryker	-1.3	22.7	50	Best Buy	-2.0	99.7

Data: Reuters

## BW PRODUCTION INDEX



The production index posted another gain in the latest period. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index eked out a small gain, inching up to 206.9, from 206.6. On a seasonally adjusted basis, truck assemblies rose sharply and lumber output increased modestly. The remaining constituents were all lower. Steel production and rail-freight traffic had the biggest declines, followed by drops in electric power, crude-oil refining, coal, and autos.

Information on each of the index components is at [www.businessweek.com](http://www.businessweek.com). BW production index Copyright 2003 by The McGraw-Hill Companies

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