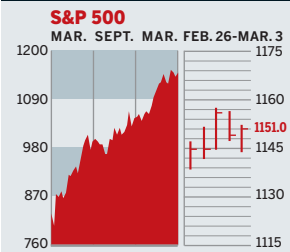


# Personal Business Figures of the Week

## STOCKS

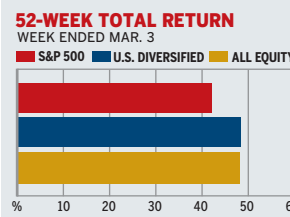
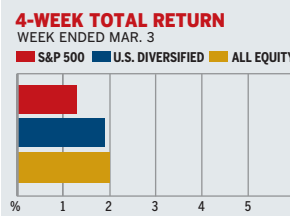


### COMMENTARY

It was a ho-hum week for stocks, despite a spike on Mar. 1 after the release of a strong report on U.S. factory orders. However, volume was light, a clear sign that buyers are holding off ahead of the coming earnings season. Investors continued to puzzle over Fed Chairman Greenspan's recent remarks on interest rates and the economy. The bourses, in the main, ended flat for the five sessions.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

## MUTUAL FUNDS



Data: Standard & Poor's

## U.S. MARKETS

	MAR. 3	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	1151.0	0.6	3.5	37.9
<b>Dow Jones Industrials</b>	10,593.1	-0.1	1.3	35.2
<b>NASDAQ Composite</b>	2033.4	0.5	1.5	54.0
<b>S&amp;P MidCap 400</b>	608.7	2.5	5.7	50.6
<b>S&amp;P SmallCap 600</b>	286.9	2.4	6.1	57.3
<b>Wilshire 5000</b>	11,238.3	0.9	4.1	41.9

## SECTORS

	MAR. 3	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
<b>BusinessWeek 50*</b>	638.5	0.3	2.6	23.9
<b>BW Info Tech 100**</b>	357.5	0.3	2.0	37.9
<b>S&amp;P/BARRA Growth</b>	569.6	0.0	2.5	32.2
<b>S&amp;P/BARRA Value</b>	577.1	1.3	4.6	43.8
<b>S&amp;P Energy</b>	237.5	0.7	5.9	30.1
<b>S&amp;P Financials</b>	404.2	1.2	6.4	44.5
<b>S&amp;P REIT</b>	124.1	1.6	7.2	40.3
<b>S&amp;P Transportation</b>	187.5	-1.1	-7.1	19.4
<b>S&amp;P Utilities</b>	122.9	1.9	3.8	36.5
<b>GSTI Internet</b>	139.3	0.2	-3.7	82.3
<b>PSE Technology</b>	729.4	1.1	4.6	62.4

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

## BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %		LAST 12 MONTHS %
<b>Steel</b>	18.2	<b>Divsfd. Metals &amp; Mining</b>	140.4
<b>Homebuilding</b>	15.0	<b>Wireless Services</b>	118.0
<b>Divsfd. Metals &amp; Mining</b>	15.0	<b>Internet Software</b>	117.7
<b>Wireless Services</b>	12.1	<b>Instrumentation</b>	106.6
<b>Oil &amp; Gas Drilling</b>	11.1	<b>Fertilizers &amp; Ag. Chems.</b>	105.3

## EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
<b>LEADERS</b>		<b>LEADERS</b>	
<b>Natural Resources</b>	7.2	<b>Latin America</b>	93.1
<b>Diversified Emerg. Mkts.</b>	6.1	<b>Diversified Emerg. Mkts.</b>	77.1
<b>Pacific/Asia ex-Japan</b>	5.9	<b>Technology</b>	70.0
<b>Latin America</b>	5.2	<b>Communications</b>	67.8
<b>LAGGARDS</b>		<b>LAGGARDS</b>	
<b>Technology</b>	-0.4	<b>Domestic Hybrid</b>	26.6
<b>Health</b>	0.3	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	33.4
<b>Large-cap Growth</b>	0.8	<b>International Hybrid</b>	36.7
<b>Domestic Hybrid</b>	1.2	<b>Utilities</b>	38.8

## EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
<b>LEADERS</b>		<b>LEADERS</b>	
<b>ProFds. Wrless. Ultsr. Inv.</b>	15.0	<b>Apex Mid Cap Growth</b>	181.3
<b>ProFunds Ultra Japan Inv.</b>	14.0	<b>Reynolds</b>	169.3
<b>CGM Capital Development</b>	12.9	<b>PFds. Ult. Sm. Cap Inv.</b>	160.6
<b>CGM Realty</b>	11.4	<b>ProFds. Wrless. Ultsr. Inv.</b>	144.7
<b>LAGGARDS</b>		<b>LAGGARDS</b>	
<b>American Heritage</b>	-16.7	<b>ProFunds UltSh. OTC Inv.</b>	-61.9
<b>Kinetics Intnt. Emerg. Gr.</b>	-6.4	<b>Rydex Dynam. Vent. 100</b>	-61.8
<b>Thurlow Growth</b>	-6.4	<b>Rydex Dyn. Tempest 500</b>	-53.2
<b>Marketocracy Tech. Plus</b>	-5.1	<b>ProFunds UltraBear Inv.</b>	-53.2

## GLOBAL MARKETS

	MAR. 3	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
<b>S&amp;P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)</b>	1207.3	-1.4	2.4	53.2
<b>London (FT-SE 100)</b>	4525.1	0.4	1.1	22.8
<b>Paris (CAC 40)</b>	3758.5	1.5	5.6	36.1
<b>Frankfurt (DAX)</b>	4071.7	1.9	2.7	59.7
<b>Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)</b>	11,351.9	6.5	6.3	33.9
<b>Hong Kong (Hang Seng)</b>	13,454.1	-1.1	7.0	46.5
<b>Toronto (S&amp;P/TSX Composite)</b>	8795.7	1.8	7.0	35.9
<b>Mexico City (IPC)</b>	10,053.2	1.3	14.3	69.6

## FUNDAMENTALS

	MAR. 2	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
<b>S&amp;P 500 Dividend Yield</b>	1.54%	1.55%	1.96%
<b>S&amp;P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)</b>	23.5	23.4	28.5
<b>S&amp;P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*</b>	18.4	18.2	14.7
<b>First Call Earnings Revision*</b>	0.34%	0.76%	-2.73%

\*First Call Corp.

## TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	MAR. 2	WEEK AGO	READING
<b>S&amp;P 500 200-day average</b>	1042.3	1037.1	Positive
<b>Stocks above 200-day average</b>	87.0%	86.0%	Negative
<b>Options: Put/call ratio</b>	0.61	0.69	Neutral
<b>Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio</b>	6.29	6.23	Negative

## WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %		LAST 12 MONTHS %
<b>Broadcasting</b>	-7.6	<b>Photographic Products</b>	-5.5
<b>Electric Mfg. Svcs.</b>	-7.1	<b>Health-Care Facilities</b>	-3.7
<b>Health-Care Facilities</b>	-6.9	<b>Trading Cos. &amp; Distribs.</b>	2.7
<b>Communication Equipment</b>	-6.1	<b>Airlines</b>	9.7
<b>Health-Care Services</b>	-6.0	<b>Broadcasting</b>	12.8

## INTEREST RATES

### KEY RATES

	MAR. 3	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
<b>Money Market Funds</b>	0.60%	0.59%	0.89%
<b>90-Day Treasury Bills</b>	0.95	0.95	1.17
<b>2-Year Treasury Notes</b>	1.73	1.60	1.43
<b>10-Year Treasury Notes</b>	4.05	4.01	3.63
<b>30-Year Treasury Bonds</b>	4.90	4.89	4.66
<b>30-Year Fixed Mortgage†</b>	5.53	5.48	5.68

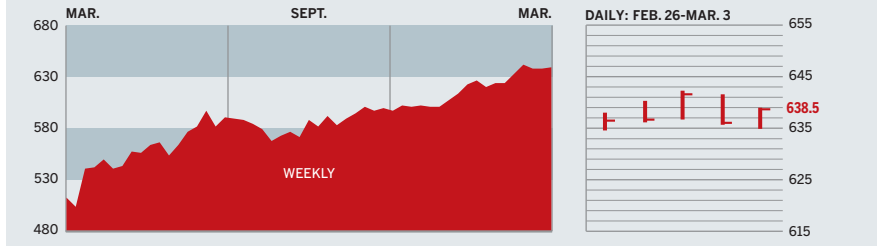
†BanxQuote, Inc.

## 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
<b>General Obligations</b>	3.40%	4.40%
<b>Taxable Equivalent</b>	4.86	6.29
<b>Insured Revenue Bonds</b>	3.52	4.74
<b>Taxable Equivalent</b>	5.03	6.77

## THE BUSINESSWEEK FIFTY



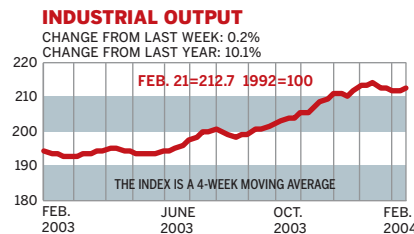
The BW50 rose 0.3% for the week ended Mar. 3. Leading the gainers was Pulte Homes, soaring 14.1% on analyst recommendations and management projections that profits will rise 20% yearly over the next three years. Another star was International Game Technology, which rose after the Supreme Court rejected an effort to limit types of gambling offered by Indian tribes.

## COMPANY PERFORMANCE

RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/03	RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/03
1	Forest Laboratories	1.4	50.3	26	U.S. Bancorp	2.2	39.5
2	WellPoint Health Networks	3.1	62.0	27	H&R Block	0.3	34.5
3	UnitedHealth Group	0.7	50.3	28	Sysco	4.9	47.3
4	Johnson & Johnson	-1.6	1.5	29	Procter & Gamble	-0.2	25.2
5	Progressive	2.4	63.8	30	eBay	0.6	72.4
6	AmerisourceBergen	3.1	7.3	31	Biomet	-3.2	25.6
7	Lowe's	0.0	41.3	32	Exelon	1.6	36.6
8	Pfizer	-0.8	23.9	33	Kohl's	2.7	4.1
9	Dell Computer	-0.5	22.9	34	Wachovia	1.6	37.7
10	St. Jude Medical	3.3	64.1	35	3M	0.5	25.9
11	Cardinal Health	2.6	16.1	36	Harley-Davidson	-0.2	35.1
12	Bed Bath & Beyond	4.3	26.0	37	Walgreen	-1.1	24.8
13	Washington Mutual	-1.2	28.8	38	Altria Group	2.4	49.9
14	United Parcel Service	-1.3	19.8	39	Mattel	1.1	-10.4
15	Microsoft	-1.2	11.3	40	AFLAC	0.2	29.8
16	Freddie Mac	-1.7	12.8	41	Abbott Laboratories	1.0	23.3
17	Electronic Arts	2.0	80.0	42	First Data	3.1	21.4
18	International Game Technology	13.8	115.5	43	Dominion Resources	1.9	18.6
19	Pulte Homes	14.1	111.3	44	Coca-Cola	-1.0	22.2
20	Merck	-1.6	-5.8	45	Wrigley (Wm.) Jr.	2.5	6.6
21	Medtronic	1.4	7.3	46	Wal-Mart Stores	0.8	25.6
22	PepsiCo	0.6	36.8	47	Quest Diagnostics	0.0	55.2
23	Wells Fargo	0.9	27.3	48	General Dynamics	-1.2	54.7
24	McKesson	0.1	4.2	49	Northrop Grumman	-2.4	14.8
25	Stryker	1.3	38.5	50	Best Buy	5.6	86.8

Data: Reuters

## BW PRODUCTION INDEX



The production index managed a small increase over the latest period. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index advanced to 214.4, from 213.2. On a seasonally adjusted basis, all the components posted moderate changes for the week. Rail-freight traffic posted the biggest increase, followed by coal, auto, truck assemblies, and lumber output. Crude-oil refining suffered the largest decline during the week, with steel and electric power production also lower.

Information on each of the index components is at [www.businessweek.com](http://www.businessweek.com). BW production index Copyright 2004 by The McGraw-Hill Companies

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### INTERNATIONAL TRADE

**Wednesday, Mar. 10, 8:30 a.m. EST** » The January foreign trade deficit probably stood at \$42 billion. In December, the deficit widened to \$42.5 billion.

**RETAIL SALES Thursday, Mar. 11, 8:30 a.m. EST** » February retail sales are forecast to have grown 0.6%, following a 0.3% decline in January. That's according to the median forecast of economists surveyed by Informa

Global Markets. Excluding vehicles, sales probably increased 0.6% last month, after jumping by 0.9%.

**EXPORT-IMPORT PRICES Thursday, Mar. 11, 8:30 a.m. EST** » Export prices most likely held steady in February, after a 0.5% gain in January. Import prices probably jumped by 0.7%, after surging by 1.3% in the prior month. Higher petroleum costs and a weakening U.S. dollar are fueling the jump in import prices.

**BUSINESS INVENTORIES Friday, Mar. 12, 8:30 a.m. EST** »

January inventories are forecast to have risen by 0.5%, after a 0.3% increase in December. A stronger upswing in inventory rebuilding is expected during the first quarter.

**CURRENT ACCOUNT Friday, Mar. 12, 8:30 a.m. EST** » The U.S. current-account deficit most likely expanded to \$136.4 billion during the fourth quarter, from \$135 billion in the third quarter.

The *BusinessWeek* production index rose to 212.7 for the week ended Feb. 21, an increase of 10.1% from a year ago. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index climbed to 214.4.

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