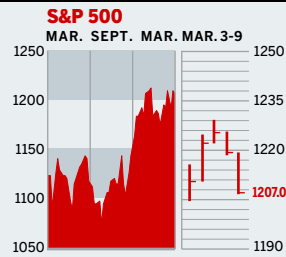


Personal Business Figures of the Week

STOCKS



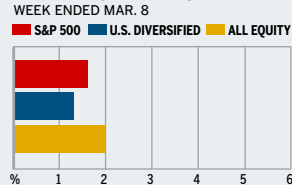
COMMENTARY

A strong jobs report on Mar. 4 sent the Dow to a 52-week high, but that gain was gone by Mar. 9, when the Fed released its *Beige Book*. The report, showing that prices for goods are rising, fanned inflation fears. That worry, coupled with surging oil prices, sent stock and bond buyers rushing to the nearest exit. For the week, the indexes ended in negative terrain.

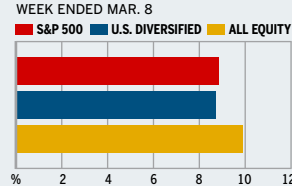
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MUTUAL FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN



52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN



Data: Standard & Poor's

U.S. MARKETS

	MAR. 9	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	% CHANGE LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P 500	1207.0	-0.3	-0.4	5.8
Dow Jones Industrials	10,805.6	-0.1	0.2	3.3
NASDAQ Composite	2061.3	-0.3	-5.2	3.3
S&P MidCap 400	669.7	-0.4	1.0	10.7
S&P SmallCap 600	329.5	-0.8	0.2	15.7
DJ Wilshire 5000	11,884.1	-0.3	-0.6	6.6

SECTORS

	MAR. 9	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	% CHANGE LAST 12 MONTHS
BusinessWeek 50*	722.5	-0.8	2.5	13.5
BW Info Tech 100**	361.4	0.1	-3.2	1.9
S&P/BARRA Growth	581.1	-0.3	-0.2	3.2
S&P/BARRA Value	621.5	-0.2	-0.6	8.4
S&P Energy	342.2	-1.6	18.6	43.0
S&P Financials	399.3	-0.3	-2.9	-0.9
S&P REIT	134.9	-0.7	-6.6	6.8
S&P Transportation	231.5	1.8	-4.1	24.0
S&P Utilities	147.3	0.0	4.0	19.5
GSTI Internet	158.1	-0.7	-11.4	13.6
PSE Technology	743.4	-0.7	-4.6	3.7

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

GLOBAL MARKETS

	MAR. 9	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	% CHANGE LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	1438.6	1.7	3.0	16.1
London (FT-SE 100)	4996.1	0.1	3.8	10.0
Paris (CAC 40)	4066.7	0.1	6.4	8.8
Frankfurt (DAX)	4375.6	-0.4	2.8	7.0
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	11966.7	1.3	4.2	4.7
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	13,941.5	0.7	-2.0	5.5
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	9795.1	-0.1	5.9	11.9
Mexico City (IPC)	13,671.4	-0.7	5.8	35.6

FUNDAMENTALS

	MAR. 8	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.95%	1.95%	1.55%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	20.3	20.2	23.3
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	16.5	16.4	18.2
First Call Earnings Revision*	0.47%	0.56%	0.70%

*First Call Corp.

TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	MAR. 8	WEEK AGO	READING
S&P 500 200-day average	1146.1	1142.9	Positive
Stocks above 200-day average	76.0%	75.0%	Negative
Options: Put/call ratio	0.72	0.66	Positive
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	4.74	4.49	Negative

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %		LAST 12 MONTHS %
Oil & Gas Exploration	18.4	Fertilizers & Ag. Chems.	77.4
Divid. Metals & Mining	16.5	Oil & Gas Refining	73.8
Gold Mining	14.2	Steel	72.0
Oil & Gas Refining	11.5	Oil & Gas Exploration	61.7
Fertilizers & Ag. Chems.	11.2	Managed Health Care	50.8

WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %		LAST 12 MONTHS %
Auto Parts & Equipment	-10.7	IT Consulting	-51.4
Commercial Printing	-8.7	Insurance Brokers	-29.9
IT Consulting	-8.4	Auto Parts & Equipment	-22.5
Automobiles	-6.4	Electric Mfg. Svcs.	-20.7
Biotechnology	-5.6	Semiconductor Equip.	-18.6

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN		52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	
	%		%
LEADERS			
Precious Metals	14.8	Latin America	43.7
Natural Resources	12.4	Natural Resources	43.2
Latin America	7.2	Utilities	23.2
Europe	6.4	Europe	23.0
LAGGARDS			
Health	-1.9	Technology	-3.7
Technology	-0.9	Health	-1.3
Communications	-0.4	Precious Metals	2.9
Small-cap Growth	-0.3	Large-cap Growth	4.4

EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN		52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	
	%		%
LEADERS			
ProFunds Pr. Mtis. Inv.	23.6	ProFunds Oil & Gas Inv.	77.1
U.S. Gbl. Invs. Gl. Rscs.	20.6	BlackRock Gl. Res. Inv. A	62.0
ProFunds Oil & Gas Inv.	20.3	iShares MSCI Austria Idx.	57.6
U.S. Gl. Invs. Prec. Mnls.	19.4	U.S. Gbl. Invs. Gl. Rscs.	53.2
LAGGARDS			
PIMCO RCM Biotech. D	-13.0	Ameritor Investment	-47.1
ProFunds Biotech. Inv.	-11.0	Apex Mid Cap Growth	-32.9
Fidelity Advr. Biotech. B	-10.9	Ehrenkrantz Growth	-27.3
Fidelity Select Biotech.	-10.6	Van Wagoner Emerging Gr.	-25.9

INTEREST RATES

KEY RATES

	MAR. 9	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Money Market Funds	2.09%	2.04%	0.60%
90-Day Treasury Bills	2.75	2.73	0.95
2-Year Treasury Notes	3.65	3.56	1.51
10-Year Treasury Notes	4.52	4.38	3.73
30-Year Treasury Bonds	4.82	4.74	4.67
30-Year Fixed Mortgage †	5.80	5.82	5.32

†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	3.71%	4.47%
Taxable Equivalent	5.30	6.39
Insured Revenue Bonds	3.79	4.58
Taxable Equivalent	5.41	6.54

THE WEEK AHEAD

RETAIL SALES *Tuesday, Mar. 15, 8:30 a.m. EST* » February retail sales are forecast to have grown by 0.5%, following a 0.3% drop in January. That's based on the median estimate of economists surveyed by Action Economics. Excluding vehicles, sales most likely posted a 0.6% gain for a second straight month.
BUSINESS INVENTORIES *Tuesday, Mar. 15, 10 a.m. EST* » January inventory levels

most likely expanded 0.4%, after a 0.2% rise in December.
CURRENT ACCOUNT *Wednesday, Mar. 16, 8:30 a.m. EST* » The U.S. current-account deficit probably swelled to \$181.8 billion during the final quarter of 2004. In the third quarter, the shortfall widened slightly to \$164.7 billion.
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION *Wednesday, Mar. 16, 9:15 a.m. EST* » February industrial

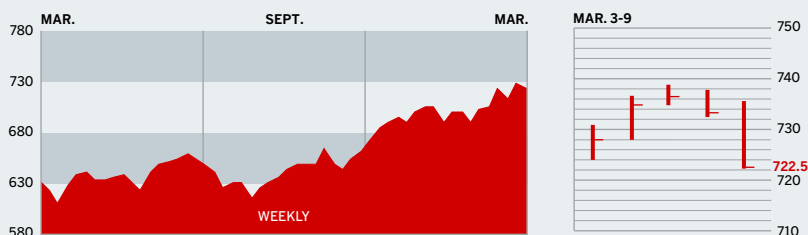
output is expected to have risen by 0.3%, after holding steady in the previous month. The average monthly operating rate likely edged up to 79.1%, after slipping to 79%.
EXPORT-IMPORT PRICES *Friday, Mar. 18, 8:30 a.m. EST* » February export prices probably increased 0.3% and import prices most likely grew 0.6%. During January, export prices jumped by 0.7% while import prices surged by 0.9%.

The *BusinessWeek* production index edged up to 237.6 for the week ended Feb. 26, a gain of 11.4% from a year ago. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index eased down to 237.9.

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For the BW50, more investment data, and the components of the production index visit www.businessweek.com/magazine/extra.htm

THE BUSINESSWEEK FIFTY



The BW50 lost 0.8% for the week ended Mar. 9, lagging behind the major market measures. Major energy companies such as ExxonMobil and ChevronTexaco lost ground despite rising oil prices. On the plus side, Express Scripts soared 10.4% on analyst upgrades, while Sears Roebuck added 4.9% when an investor advisory group gave a thumbs up to its Kmart merger.

COMPANY PERFORMANCE

RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE	
		WEEK	SINCE 3/1/04
1	Progressive	0.3	6.6
2	Cendant	-1.2	1.3
3	WellPoint Health Networks	2.2	44.9
4	UnitedHealth Group	-1.3	45.6
5	Forest Laboratories	-3.7	-44.7
6	ACE	0.8	1.0
7	Best Buy	-1.4	-0.2
8	ConocoPhillips	-2.6	54.8
9	Lowe's	-1.4	2.1
10	Electronic Arts	4.5	47.3
11	Pulte Homes	-2.0	43.0
12	Centex	-2.8	14.2
13	eBay	-5.2	16.2
14	ChevronTexaco	-2.9	35.3
15	Symantec	-3.9	3.4
16	Dell	-0.3	23.0
17	Qualcomm	1.3	16.5
18	International Game Technology	-4.2	-25.8
19	MBNA	1.9	-4.2
20	Marathon Oil	-0.2	33.2
21	St. Jude Medical	0.0	6.7
22	Home Depot	-1.2	8.8
23	Exxon Mobil	-3.0	44.2
24	Johnson & Johnson	1.2	25.7
25	Starbucks	3.3	45.9

RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE	
		WEEK	SINCE 3/1/04
26	Procter & Gamble	-1.1	3.4
27	Yahoo	0.3	45.8
28	Apache	1.4	52.7
29	Sears, Roebuck	4.9	13.4
30	Stryker	-3.0	8.0
31	Sysco	-2.8	-14.7
32	Dollar General	-2.2	-1.0
33	Bed Bath & Beyond	0.0	-5.9
34	Quest Diagnostics	0.0	20.0
35	Nike	-1.2	17.8
36	Devon Energy	2.6	68.2
37	Intel	1.3	-14.9
38	Johnson Controls	0.8	-1.2
39	Staples	3.4	24.9
40	American International Group	0.8	-11.4
41	Ambac Financial Group	-0.9	0.2
42	Express Scripts	10.4	16.8
43	Harley-Davidson	-2.1	13.3
44	PepsiCo	-1.9	2.1
45	Burlington Resources	0.7	73.6
46	Carnival	-1.6	20.5
47	3M	1.8	10.4
48	Apollo Group	2.3	-0.4
49	KB Home	-5.0	61.4
50	Humana	-2.2	52.1

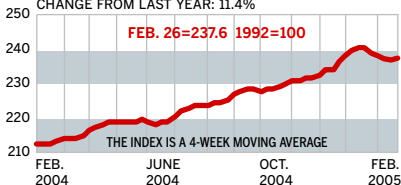
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BW PRODUCTION INDEX

ONLINE RESOURCES

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT

CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK: 0.2%
CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR: 11.4%



The production index managed a small gain. Before calculation of the four-week moving average the index slipped to 2379, from 238.3. After seasonal adjustments, electric-power production, coal, and lumber output increased. Auto and truck assemblies fell. General Motors and Ford cut production plans for the second quarter after poor February vehicle sales. Steel, crude-oil refining, and rail-freight traffic also declined. In February the average index level eased to 237.6, from 239.1 in January.

Information on each of the index components is at www.businessweek.com.
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