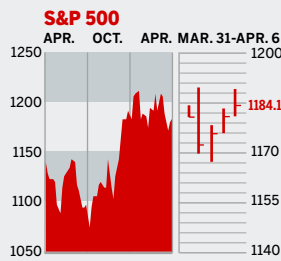


# Personal Business Figures of the Week

## STOCKS



### COMMENTARY

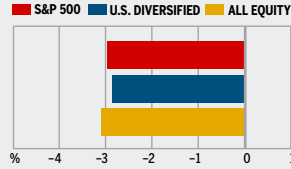
The Dow and the NASDAQ fell fractionally, while the S&P 500 managed to eke out a small gain for the week. Merger activity added spice to a lazy market, as ChevronTexaco bid \$16.4 billion for Unocal, while Verizon appeared to have won the battle over MCI. Oil, though, continues to drive the bourses, with stocks slipping whenever crude gains and advancing when it falls.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

## MUTUAL FUNDS

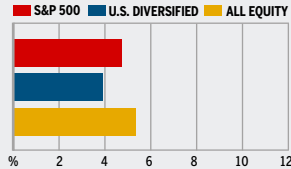
### 4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN

WEEK ENDED APR. 5



### 52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN

WEEK ENDED APR. 5



Data: Standard & Poor's

## U.S. MARKETS

	APR. 6	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P 500	1184.1	0.2	-2.3	3.1
Dow Jones Industrials	10,486.0	-0.5	-2.8	-0.8
NASDAQ Composite	1999.1	-0.3	-8.1	-3.0
S&P MidCap 400	659.4	0.5	-0.6	7.5
S&P SmallCap 600	321.5	0.1	-2.2	10.3
DJ Wilshire 5000	11,670.9	0.3	-2.3	3.8

## SECTORS

	APR. 6	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
BusinessWeek 50*	707.4	1.3	0.4	10.3
BW Info Tech 100**	349.6	-0.1	-6.3	-1.8
S&P/BARRA Growth	570.8	0.0	-1.9	0.7
S&P/BARRA Value	608.9	0.5	-2.7	5.5
S&P Energy	344.7	3.6	19.4	46.7
S&P Financials	382.8	-0.1	-6.9	-4.2
S&P REIT	132.1	-0.2	-8.6	11.9
S&P Transportation	223.9	-0.8	-7.3	16.0
S&P Utilities	149.5	2.2	5.6	20.7
GSTI Internet	158.3	1.6	-11.2	2.9
PSE Technology	722.8	-1.1	-7.2	-2.1

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

## GLOBAL MARKETS

	APR. 6	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	1385.2	0.4	-0.9	16.4
London (FT-SE 100)	4947.4	1.0	2.8	10.6
Paris (CAC 40)	4107.0	1.0	7.5	9.6
Frankfurt (DAX)	4379.2	0.7	2.9	8.9
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	11,827.2	2.3	2.9	-1.6
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	13,562.3	1.0	-4.7	5.0
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	9673.0	2.0	4.6	9.5
Mexico City (IPC)	12,170.9	-3.8	-5.8	13.6

## FUNDAMENTALS

	APR. 5	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	2.02%	2.04%	1.56%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	19.8	19.4	22.9
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	15.4	15.7	16.7
First Call Earnings Surprise*	11.89%	4.00%	13.89%

\*First Call Corp.

## TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	APR. 5	WEEK AGO	READING
S&P 500 200-day average	1152.0	1150.8	Positive
Stocks above 200-day average	64.0%	61.0%	Neutral
Options: Put/call ratio	0.81	0.71	Positive
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	4.77	4.82	Negative

## BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Health-Care Facilities	9.4	85.7
Internet Software	6.7	67.8
Health-Care Services	5.0	66.0
Food Wholesalers	4.7	61.7
Home Furnishings	3.9	51.8
Oil & Gas Refining		85.7
Fertilizers & Ag. Chems.		67.8
Oil & Gas Drilling		66.0
Oil & Gas Exploration		61.7
Steel		51.8

## WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Home Entertainment	-22.2	-53.5
Multi-line Insurers	-16.1	-31.3
Agricultural Products	-15.8	-31.1
Automobiles	-12.2	-29.3
Steel	-11.8	-28.7
IT Consulting		-53.5
Insurance Brokers		-31.3
Electric Mfg. Svcs.		-31.1
Automobiles		-29.3
Auto Parts & Equipment		-28.7

## EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
<b>LEADERS</b>			
Health	-1.0	Natural Resources	38.9
Utilities	-1.1	Latin America	26.8
Miscellaneous	-2.0	Utilities	21.7
Domestic Hybrid	-2.1	Europe	19.6
<b>LAGGARDS</b>			
Precious Metals	-9.6	Technology	-10.4
Latin America	-9.5	Precious Metals	-8.7
Diversified Emerg. Mkts.	-6.1	Japan	-4.9
Financial	-5.1	Health	-3.0

## EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
<b>LEADERS</b>			
Rydex Ivse. Dyn. Dow 30 H	8.8	ProFunds Oil & Gas Inv.	72.3
ProFunds USh. Dow 30 Inv.	8.8	BlackRock Gl. Res. Inv. A	54.7
ProFds. USh. Sm. Cap Inv.	7.5	Fidelity Select Nat. Gas	53.6
Potomac Sm. Cap/Sh. Inv.	6.9	Select Sctr. SPDR Energy	48.7
<b>LAGGARDS</b>			
American Heritage Growth	-14.3	Apex Mid Cap Growth	-41.0
ProFunds Pr. Mtls. Inv.	-13.4	ProFunds Semicdr. Inv.	-35.0
U.S. Global Invsr. Gold	-12.8	Reynolds	-33.8
U.S. Gl. Invs. Prec. Mnls.	-12.4	Van Wagoner Emerg. Gr.	-30.4

## INTEREST RATES

### KEY RATES

	APR. 6	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Money Market Funds	2.29%	2.26%	0.57%
90-Day Treasury Bills	2.76	2.82	0.93
2-Year Treasury Notes	3.69	3.83	1.84
10-Year Treasury Notes	4.43	4.55	4.16
30-Year Treasury Bonds	4.74	4.80	5.01
30-Year Fixed Mortgage †	5.93	6.00	5.73

†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	3.86%	4.57%
Taxable Equivalent	5.51	6.53
Insured Revenue Bonds	3.98	4.64
Taxable Equivalent	5.69	6.63

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE** Tuesday, Apr. 12, 8:30 a.m. EDT » The February foreign trade deficit is forecast to be \$59 billion, after a January trade gap of \$58.3 billion. That's based on the median estimate of economists surveyed by Action Economics.

**RETAIL SALES** Wednesday, Apr. 13, 8:30 a.m. EDT » Retail sales most likely increased by 0.6% in March. February retail sales rose 0.5%. Minus vehicles,

sales probably grew by 0.5%, after a 0.4% gain in the prior month.

### BUSINESS INVENTORIES

**Thursday, Apr. 14, 8:30 a.m. EDT** » February inventory levels most likely expanded 0.7%, after a 0.9% rise in January.

### EXPORT-IMPORT PRICES

**Friday, Apr. 15, 8:30 a.m. EDT** » March export prices are expected to have increased 0.3% after holding steady in February. Import prices, fueled by rising crude oil

prices, probably surged 0.9%. February import prices rose 0.8%.

### INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

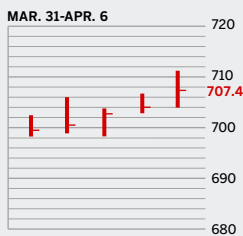
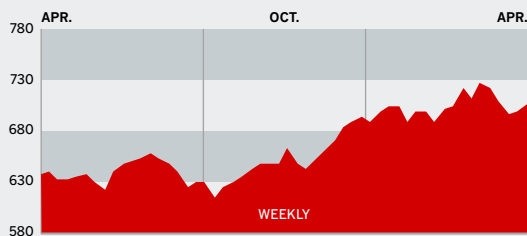
**Friday, Apr. 15, 9:15 a.m. EDT** » March industrial output most likely expanded 0.3% for a second straight period. The latest jobs report showing a decline in both the factory workweek and overtime poses a downside risk. The average monthly operating rate probably edged up to 79.5%, from 79.4% in February.

The *BusinessWeek* production index edged up to 239.2 for the week ended Mar. 26, and stood 11.2% above the year-ago reading. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index fell to 238.8.

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## THE BUSINESSWEEK FIFTY



Helped by strong energy-stock gains, the BW50 beat the major indexes for the week. Leading the way was Valero, which hit a new high on Apr. 6; the refiner has been the best performer among the S&P 500 in 2005. Sunoco and XTO Energy added 8.8% and 10.1%, respectively. On the downside, wireless chipmaker Qualcomm fell 4.8% on whispers of weak handset sales.

### COMPANY PERFORMANCE

RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE	
		WEEK	SINCE 3/1/05
1	Nucor	0.8	-7.4
2	ConocoPhillips	5.2	0.0
3	ChevronTexaco	-1.8	-7.8
4	Valero Energy	13.9	12.5
5	UnitedHealth Group	2.4	7.5
6	Occidental Petroleum	6.7	5.5
7	Exxon Mobil	2.8	-3.8
8	Yahoo	3.0	6.9
9	Nextel Communications	3.3	-1.5
10	Apache	6.7	0.7
11	Devon Energy	6.5	4.7
12	Pulte Homes	0.2	-6.7
13	Qualcomm	-4.8	-2.6
14	Apple Computer	-1.1	-5.6
15	Dell	-1.0	-4.8
16	Paccar	-0.3	-4.4
17	Coach	1.0	3.3
18	Sunoco	8.8	10.3
19	eBay	-1.4	-13.2
20	Burlington Resources	5.7	4.5
21	Progressive	-1.8	3.4
22	Caremark Rx	3.8	8.5
23	Caterpillar	-0.1	-3.9
24	Phelps Dodge	3.7	-3.9
25	Autodesk	8.5	7.9

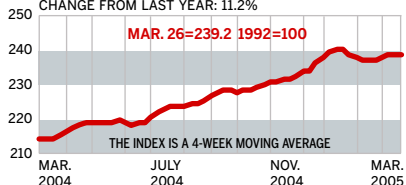
RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE	
		WEEK	SINCE 3/1/05
26	Johnson & Johnson	1.1	4.9
27	Carnival	-1.2	-5.7
28	Adobe Systems	0.5	10.3
29	Cummins	-0.2	-5.2
30	Boston Scientific	4.7	-6.3
31	EOG Resources	7.9	9.8
32	Symantec	-5.2	-6.0
33	Starbucks	-1.3	0.6
34	Electronic Arts	-1.7	-18.2
35	WellPoint	1.2	4.4
36	Deere	0.7	-6.1
37	United States Steel	-0.6	-19.3
38	Zimmer Holdings	-7.0	-10.5
39	FedEx	-2.0	-4.8
40	Chubb	-1.1	-0.1
41	XTO Energy	10.1	3.2
42	Microsoft	2.1	-1.9
43	Danaher	-2.8	-4.4
44	Unocal	-3.4	9.4
45	Dow Chemical	2.0	-9.3
46	Cisco Systems	-1.4	2.0
47	Gilead Sciences	2.1	6.0
48	Nike	0.4	-4.9
49	Anadarko Petroleum	5.6	1.8
50	Bank of America	1.3	-4.4

Data: Reuters

## BW PRODUCTION INDEX

### INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT

CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK: 0.1%  
CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR: 11.2%



The production index posted another small gain during the latest period. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, however, the index slipped to 238.8, from 239.5. On a seasonally adjusted basis, auto production had the largest increase. Lumber and steel output, along with truck assemblies, showed small improvements. The energy sector components of electric power, crude-oil refining, and coal suffered moderate declines. Rail-freight traffic was also lower.

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