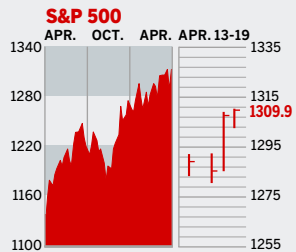


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STOCKS



COMMENTARY

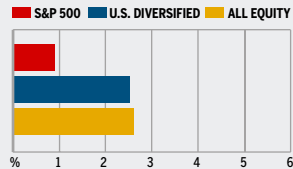
Stocks soared on Apr. 18 after the release of the minutes of the Federal Reserve's March policy meeting, which revealed that interest rate hikes might soon be over. After the closing bell, solid earnings results from Amgen and Texas Instruments suggested a strong quarter. But record oil prices and fresh signs of inflation tempered traders' optimism a day later.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

MUTUAL FUNDS

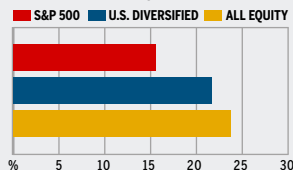
4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN

WEEK ENDED APR. 18



52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN

WEEK ENDED APR. 18



Data: Standard & Poor's

U.S. MARKETS

	APR. 19	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	% CHANGE LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P 500	1309.9	1.7	4.9	13.6
Dow Jones Industrials	11,278.8	1.3	5.2	11.4
NASDAQ Composite	2370.9	2.4	7.5	22.7
S&P MidCap 400	809.3	3.3	9.7	26.6
S&P SmallCap 600	401.5	3.9	14.5	29.0
DJ Wilshire 5000	13,278.6	2.0	6.3	16.8

SECTORS

	APR. 18	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO	LAST 12 MONTHS
BusinessWeek 50*	790.5	1.9	6.6	16.4
BW Info Tech 100**	405.2	2.2	6.5	21.6
S&P/Citigroup Growth	612.6	1.4	2.7	10.0
S&P/Citigroup Value	694.6	2.0	7.3	17.4
S&P Energy	436.8	5.9	17.2	33.5
S&P Financials	444.4	2.0	4.2	18.0
S&P REIT	168.7	2.2	10.2	25.4
S&P Transportation	287.3	2.0	15.0	38.1
S&P Utilities	156.6	1.6	-1.9	4.6
GSTI Internet	200.4	2.7	-2.4	32.3
PSE Technology	877.6	1.5	4.9	25.5

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

GLOBAL MARKETS

	APR. 19	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	% CHANGE LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	1711.4	3.2	13.2	25.9
London (FT-SE 100)	6089.8	1.5	8.4	25.4
Paris (CAC 40)	5158.1	1.4	9.4	30.2
Frankfurt (DAX)	5993.8	1.6	10.8	42.6
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	17,350.1	1.1	7.7	56.8
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	16,830.4	3.2	13.1	25.2
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	12,487.3	2.6	10.8	32.6
Mexico City (IPC)	19,933.1	3.2	12.0	65.9

FUNDAMENTALS

	APR. 18	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.77%	1.79%	2.07%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	18.1	18.2	19.2
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	14.9	14.6	15.1
First Call Earnings Surprise*	7.13%	17.76%	4.19%

*First Call Corp.

TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	APR. 18	WEEK AGO	READING
S&P 500 200-day average	1248.6	1246.7	Positive
Stocks above 200-day average	68.0%	63.0%	Neutral
Options: Put/call ratio	0.82	0.73	Positive
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	5.47	5.45	Negative

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Divfd. Metals & Mining	26.6	110.1
Steel	21.2	108.4
Gold Mining	17.2	86.4
Oil & Gas Refining	16.9	84.9
Aluminum	16.1	84.4

WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Health-Care Supplies	-17.7	-19.5
Managed Health Care	-11.1	-12.9
IT Consulting	-10.2	-10.9
Distillers & Vintners	-8.9	-10.4
Photographic Products	-7.2	-9.9

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS		LEADERS	
Precious Metals	19.6	Precious Metals	92.9
Natural Resources	12.7	Latin America	90.8
Pacific/Asia ex-Japan	8.6	Diversified Emerg. Mkts.	59.9
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LAGGARDS		LAGGARDS	
Health	-3.6	Domestic Hybrid	11.4
Real Estate	-1.9	Health	14.6
Utilities	0.3	Utilities	15.4
Domestic Hybrid	1.0	Large-cap Blend	16.2

EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS		LEADERS	
ProFunds Precs. Mtls. Inv.	32.4	ProFunds Ultra Japan Inv.	142.2
Frontier MicroCap	26.3	U.S. Global Invsr. Gold	121.8
American Heritage Grth.	25.0	Midas	116.8
Amer. Cent. Global Gold Inv.	24.0	U.S. Gbl. Invs. Prc. Mnlis.	112.9
LAGGARDS		LAGGARDS	
ProFds. Sh. Prc. Mtls. Inv.	-18.0	Ameritor Investment	-64.3
ProFds. Sh. Oil & Gas Inv.	-9.3	Potomac Sm. Cap/Sh. Inv.	-41.9
Potomac Sm. Cap/Sh. Inv.	-8.7	ProFds. USH. Sm. Cap Inv.	-40.9
ProFds. USH. Sm. Cap Inv.	-8.5	ProFds. USH. Mid Cap Inv.	-35.3

INTEREST RATES

KEY RATES

	APR. 19	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Money Market Funds	4.29%	4.27%	2.34%
90-Day Treasury Bills	4.71	4.70	2.91
2-Year Treasury Notes	4.85	4.91	3.51
10-Year Treasury Notes	5.02	4.98	4.21
30-Year Treasury Bonds	5.12	5.06	4.54
30-Year Fixed Mortgage †	6.42	6.42	5.87

†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	4.11%	4.48%
Taxable Equivalent	5.87	6.40
Insured Revenue Bonds	4.23	4.65
Taxable Equivalent	6.04	6.64

THE WEEK AHEAD

EXISTING HOME SALES Tuesday, Apr. 25, 10 a.m., EDT » Home sales are forecast to have eased to an annual rate of 6.7 million in March. That's the median forecast of economists queried by Action Economics. Sales rebounded to a pace of 6.91 million in February.
DURABLE GOODS ORDERS Wednesday, Apr. 26, 8:30 a.m., EDT » Durable goods orders probably grew 0.8% in March. Orders bounced back 2.7%

in February due in large part to demand for civilian aircraft.
NEW HOME SALES Wednesday, Apr. 26, 10 a.m., EDT » March new home sales likely inched up to an annual rate of 1.1 million units, from 1.08 million in February.
BEIGE BOOK Wednesday, Apr. 26, 2 p.m., EDT » The Federal Reserve issues its summary of economic activity ahead of the May 10 monetary policy meeting. Every economist polled by Action

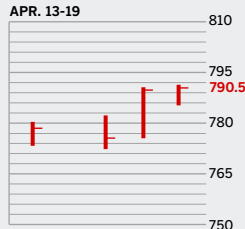
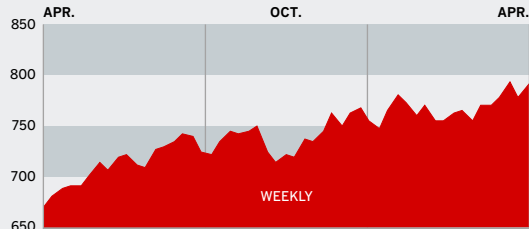
Economics expects an interest rate hike to 5%, from 4.75%.
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT Friday, Apr. 28, 8:30 a.m., EDT » First-quarter real gross domestic product probably grew at an annualized rate of 4.9%, after a 1.7% increase in the fourth quarter.
EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX Friday, Apr. 28, 8:30 a.m., EDT » Compensation most likely rose 1% in the first quarter, after a 0.8% gain in the prior period.

The *BusinessWeek* production index improved to 271.4 for the week ended Apr. 8 and stood 13.4% from a year ago. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index climbed to 272.9.

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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 turned in a strong performance, beating the Dow and S&P 500 but lagging the torrid NASDAQ. Mining giant Freeport-McMoRan surged 15.1%, thanks to record gold, silver, and copper prices, while Schlumberger and Valero Energy hit new highs as crude nudged into the \$72 range. Investment bankers Goldman and Lehman set records, too. UnitedHealth fell a sickening 8%.

COMPANY PERFORMANCE

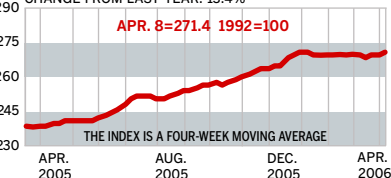
RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/06	RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/06
1	Apple Computer	-1.6	-4.1	26	D. R. Horton	1.5	-1.6
2	WellPoint	-2.0	-6.6	27	National Oilwell Varco	9.4	18.0
3	Caremark Rx	-4.0	-9.2	28	JPMorgan Chase	1.7	3.6
4	UnitedHealth Group	-8.0	-15.5	29	Merrill Lynch	2.7	3.3
5	Schlumberger	9.8	17.8	30	Valero Energy	8.2	28.3
6	Occidental Petroleum	6.4	11.9	31	ConocoPhillips	5.1	16.1
7	Halliburton	7.6	21.3	32	Marathon Oil	6.6	19.7
8	Qualcomm	3.0	11.3	33	Prudential Financial	1.9	-0.9
9	Amgen	-2.4	-9.5	34	Microsoft	-0.6	0.6
10	Aetna	-2.7	-10.5	35	Freeport-McMoRan	15.1	42.4
11	Lowe's	-0.5	-6.4	36	Weatherford International	7.7	12.5
12	Burlington Northern Santa Fe	3.3	9.1	37	eBay	4.9	0.7
13	Motorola	-6.2	5.1	38	Coventry Health Care	-1.6	-16.6
14	Yahoo	7.8	4.6	39	CVS	-0.7	5.9
15	Goldman Sachs Group	4.7	18.2	40	FedEx	1.1	7.9
16	Lehman Brothers Holdings	4.3	6.4	41	Franklin Resources	3.6	-5.0
17	Gilead Sciences	6.6	4.6	42	Lennar	-2.8	-3.2
18	Jabil Circuit	-7.4	3.3	43	Coach	2.7	-3.2
19	Best Buy	1.9	7.6	44	Staples	2.1	7.0
20	EMC	0.8	-4.9	45	NVIDIA	-4.2	23.7
21	Baker Hughes	5.9	10.4	46	Norfolk Southern	2.3	9.2
22	Texas Instruments	4.8	15.4	47	Caterpillar	1.5	8.1
23	Cisco Systems	1.1	5.0	48	McKesson	-2.8	-7.0
24	Starbucks	2.3	7.0	49	Hartford Financial Services	5.5	3.3
25	Intel	2.3	-5.0	50	Home Depot	-0.6	-3.3

Source: Reuters

BW PRODUCTION INDEX

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT

CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK: 0.3%
CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR: 13.4%



The production index posted another decent gain during the latest period. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index bounced up to 272.9, from 271.9. Auto and truck assemblies showed solid increases. Coal and electric power production were also up modestly. On the downside, lumber output slipped the farthest, followed by crude oil refining. Rail freight traffic was off slightly due in large part to a dip in coal carloads. Steel output was unchanged for the week.

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