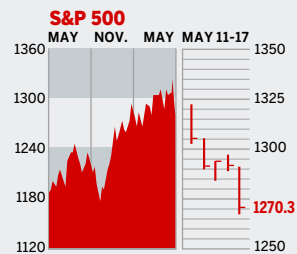


Personal Finance Figures of the Week

STOCKS

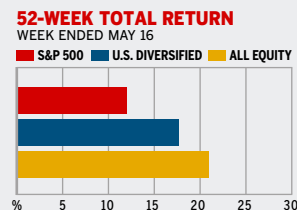
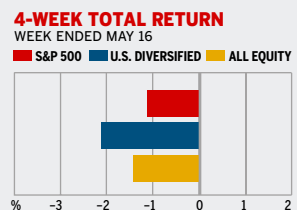


COMMENTARY

It was just a week ago that the Dow Jones industrials were hitting new highs. But the whiff of inflation, coupled with the fear of a vigilant Fed, slammed stocks. Tech shares, in particular, got pounded: The NASDAQ Composite fell five days straight, while the Dow and S&P 500-stock index were only marginally stronger. There were few safe havens for investors.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

MUTUAL FUNDS



Data: Standard & Poor's

U.S. MARKETS

| | MAY 17 | WEEK | % CHANGE YEAR TO DATE | LAST 12 MONTHS |
|------------------------------|----------|------|-----------------------|----------------|
| S&P 500 | 1270.3 | -4.0 | 1.8 | 8.2 |
| Dow Jones Industrials | 11,205.6 | -3.8 | 4.6 | 8.5 |
| NASDAQ Composite | 2195.8 | -5.4 | -0.4 | 9.6 |
| S&P MidCap 400 | 768.8 | -5.6 | 4.2 | 18.3 |
| S&P SmallCap 600 | 379.6 | -5.9 | 8.3 | 21.7 |
| DJ Wilshire 5000 | 12,816.8 | -4.3 | 2.6 | 10.9 |

SECTORS

| | MAY 17 | WEEK | % CHANGE YEAR TO DATE | LAST 12 MONTHS |
|---------------------------------|--------|------|-----------------------|----------------|
| BusinessWeek 50* | 730.2 | -5.8 | -1.6 | 6.6 |
| BW Info Tech 100** | 379.6 | -5.3 | -0.2 | 9.5 |
| S&P/Citigroup Growth | 588.9 | -3.5 | -1.3 | 3.6 |
| S&P/Citigroup Value | 679.5 | -4.4 | 4.9 | 13.1 |
| S&P Energy | 405.0 | -7.9 | 8.6 | 31.7 |
| S&P Financials | 438.5 | -4.0 | 2.8 | 13.1 |
| S&P REIT | 161.4 | -4.6 | 5.5 | 13.6 |
| S&P Transportation | 272.9 | -5.9 | 9.2 | 25.9 |
| S&P Utilities | 155.4 | -3.6 | -2.7 | 3.6 |
| GST Internet | 174.6 | -9.0 | -14.9 | 11.1 |
| PSE Technology | 822.4 | -4.9 | -1.7 | 12.3 |

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

GLOBAL MARKETS

| | MAY 17 | WEEK | % CHANGE YEAR TO DATE | LAST 12 MONTHS |
|--|----------|------|-----------------------|----------------|
| S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar) | 1667.8 | -7.2 | 10.3 | 25.8 |
| London (FT-SE 100) | 5675.5 | -6.7 | 1.0 | 15.9 |
| Paris (CAC 40) | 4920.3 | -6.8 | 4.3 | 22.8 |
| Frankfurt (DAX) | 5652.7 | -7.6 | 4.5 | 32.9 |
| Tokyo (NIKKEI 225) | 16,307.7 | -3.8 | 1.2 | 50.6 |
| Hong Kong (Hang Seng) | 16,615.6 | -2.7 | 11.7 | 21.6 |
| Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite) | 11,640.6 | -5.5 | 3.3 | 24.2 |
| Mexico City (IPC) | 20,261.9 | -7.0 | 13.8 | 62.9 |

FUNDAMENTALS

| | MAY 16 | WEEK AGO | YEAR AGO |
|---|--------|----------|----------|
| S&P 500 Dividend Yield | 1.81% | 1.75% | 2.06% |
| S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.) | 17.5 | 17.9 | 19.2 |
| S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)* | 14.7 | 15.0 | 15.4 |
| First Call Earnings Revision* | -0.18% | 0.03% | -0.43% |

*First Call Corp.

TECHNICAL INDICATORS

| | MAY 16 | WEEK AGO | READING |
|--|--------|----------|----------|
| S&P 500 200-day average | 1257.4 | 1255.7 | Positive |
| Stocks above 200-day average | 62.0% | 71.0% | Neutral |
| Options: Put/call ratio | 0.92 | 0.74 | Positive |
| Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio | 5.00 | 4.92 | Negative |

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

| | LAST MONTH % | | LAST 12 MONTHS % |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Agricultural Products | 16.4 | Agricultural Products | 116.0 |
| Power & Energy Traders | 11.9 | Steel | 114.6 |
| Broadcasting | 9.4 | Divrsd. Metals & Mining | 104.2 |
| Brewers | 9.1 | Employment Services | 88.7 |
| Auto Parts & Equip. | 8.9 | Oil & Gas Equip. | 85.7 |

WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

| | LAST MONTH % | | LAST 12 MONTHS % |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Home Entrnmt. Software | -22.5 | Educational Services | -27.4 |
| Consumer Electronics | -21.6 | Automobiles | -23.3 |
| Homebuilding | -16.5 | Home Furnishings | -22.1 |
| Specialized Finance | -12.5 | Internet Software | -19.9 |
| Constr. Materials | -12.0 | Health-Care Facilities | -17.0 |

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

| 4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN | % | 52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN | % |
|--------------------------|------|---------------------------------|-------|
| LEADERS | | LEADERS | |
| Europe | 2.8 | Precious Metals | 103.1 |
| Foreign | 1.7 | Latin America | 87.2 |
| Latin America | 1.0 | Diversified Emerg. Mkts. | 56.7 |
| Utilities | 0.8 | Natural Resources | 56.3 |
| LAGGARDS | | LAGGARDS | |
| Technology | -6.1 | Health | 8.1 |
| Small-cap Growth | -3.8 | Domestic Hybrid | 10.1 |
| Mid-cap Growth | -3.8 | Large-cap Growth | 12.4 |
| Natural Resources | -3.3 | Large-cap Blend | 13.3 |

EQUITY FUNDS

| 4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN | % | 52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN | % |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| LEADERS | | LEADERS | |
| ProFunds UltSh. Jap. Inv. | 15.1 | Midas | 152.1 |
| ProFunds UltSh. OTC Inv. | 13.7 | U.S. Global Invsr. Gold | 151.9 |
| Rydex Dyn. Vent. 100 H | 13.6 | U.S. Gbl. Invs. Prc. Mnl. | 138.6 |
| streetTRACKS Gold Trust | 12.5 | ProFunds Precs. Mtl. Inv. | 132.0 |
| LAGGARDS | | LAGGARDS | |
| Ameritor Investment | -20.0 | Ameritor Investment | -69.2 |
| American Heritage Grth. | -20.0 | DireXion Sm. Cap Br. 2.5X Inv. | -35.1 |
| ProFunds Ultra Japan Inv. | -13.6 | ProFds. USh. Sm. Cap Inv. | -34.7 |
| ProFunds UltraOTC Inv. | -12.1 | American Heritage Grth. | -33.3 |

INTEREST RATES

KEY RATES

| | MAY 17 | WEEK AGO | YEAR AGO |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
| Money Market Funds | 4.46% | 4.39% | 2.52% |
| 90-Day Treasury Bills | 4.82 | 4.87 | 2.88 |
| 2-Year Treasury Notes | 4.95 | 4.99 | 3.60 |
| 10-Year Treasury Notes | 5.15 | 5.13 | 4.12 |
| 30-Year Treasury Bonds | 5.27 | 5.19 | 4.47 |
| 30-Year Fixed Mortgage † | 6.54 | 6.49 | 5.75 |

†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 | 4.14% | 4.51% |
| Taxable Equivalent | 5.91 | 6.44 |
| Insured Revenue Bonds | 4.24 | 4.61 |
| Taxable Equivalent | 6.06 | 6.59 |

THE WEEK AHEAD

DURABLE GOODS ORDERS

Wednesday, May 24, 8:30 a.m. EDT » April durable goods orders are forecast to have risen by 0.2%. That's the median forecast of economists queried by Action Economics. March orders zoomed up 6.5% on broad-based gains.

NEW HOME SALES Wednesday May 24, 10 a.m. EDT » April new home sales probably eased to an annual pace of 1.2 million units, after bouncing back to a rate of

1.21 million units in March.

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (REVISED)

Thursday, May 25, 8:30 a.m., EDT » The second pass at first-quarter real gross domestic product will probably be revised to an annualized growth rate of 5.3%, from 4.8%. A smaller-than-expected trade deficit adds some upside risk to the estimate.

EXISTING HOME SALES

Thursday, May 25, 10 a.m., EDT » Existing home sales most

likely dipped to an annual rate of 6.8 million units in April. Sales held at a surprisingly strong pace of 6.92 million homes in March.

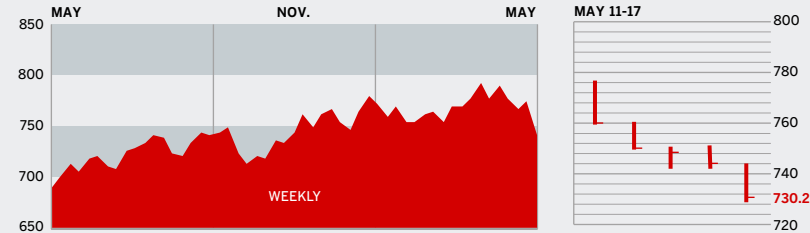
PERSONAL INCOME Friday, May 26, 8:30 a.m. EDT » Personal income most likely kept up its solid pace of growth with a 0.6% gain in April, after a 0.8% rise in March. Consumer spending probably improved 0.5%, following a 0.6% jump during the prior month.

The *BusinessWeek* production index grew to 274.5 for the week ended May 6, up 13.9% from a year ago. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index bounced up to 275.6.

BusinessWeek online

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

THE BUSINESSWEEK FIFTY



It was a tough week for the BW50, which sank 5.8%. Chipmaker Nvidia lost 15.4%, in spite of a strong earnings, but it had lots of company as investors dumped shares across the board: Freeport-McMoRan, the miner, lost about a fifth of its market value, while financial stocks such as Lehman and Goldman Sachs were hit hard, too. Only health-care stocks held up in the slaughter.

COMPANY PERFORMANCE

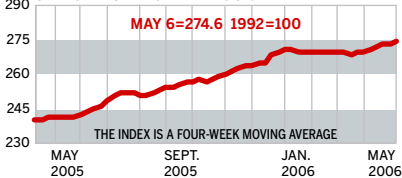
| RANK | COMPANY | WEEK | % CHANGE SINCE 3/1/06 | RANK | COMPANY | WEEK | % CHANGE SINCE 3/1/06 |
|------|------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|------|-----------------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Apple Computer | -7.6 | -4.7 | 26 | D. R. Horton | -9.3 | -20.9 |
| 2 | WellPoint | 3.3 | -4.5 | 27 | National Oilwell Varco | -10.4 | 4.6 |
| 3 | Caremark Rx | 3.8 | -1.6 | 28 | JPMorgan Chase | -5.8 | 5.1 |
| 4 | UnitedHealth Group | 1.6 | -19.5 | 29 | Merrill Lynch | -7.9 | -8.7 |
| 5 | Schlumberger | -9.8 | 14.7 | 30 | Valero Energy | -8.3 | 11.2 |
| 6 | Occidental Petroleum | -13.3 | 1.4 | 31 | ConocoPhillips | -6.2 | 4.2 |
| 7 | Halliburton | -10.3 | 8.5 | 32 | Marathon Oil | -8.7 | 6.0 |
| 8 | Qualcomm | -9.2 | -0.6 | 33 | Prudential Financial | -3.4 | -1.2 |
| 9 | Amgen | 1.2 | -9.4 | 34 | Microsoft | -4.4 | -15.4 |
| 10 | Aetna | 3.5 | -20.1 | 35 | Freeport-McMoRan | -18.4 | 12.5 |
| 11 | Lowe's | -4.9 | -10.1 | 36 | Weatherford International | -10.1 | 20.5 |
| 12 | Burlington Northern Santa Fe | -9.1 | -3.2 | 37 | eBay | -9.5 | -26.3 |
| 13 | Motorola | -5.9 | -1.9 | 38 | Coventry Health Care | 3.1 | -12.7 |
| 14 | Yahoo | -6.2 | -6.1 | 39 | CVS | -5.1 | 1.9 |
| 15 | Goldman Sachs Group | -9.7 | 4.9 | 40 | FedEx | -6.9 | 2.5 |
| 16 | Lehman Brothers Holdings | -10.2 | -8.7 | 41 | Franklin Resources | -6.5 | -14.6 |
| 17 | Gilead Sciences | -1.7 | -10.4 | 42 | Lennar | -9.0 | -19.5 |
| 18 | Jabil Circuit | -8.8 | -7.9 | 43 | Coach | -5.4 | -16.2 |
| 19 | Best Buy | -7.4 | -4.1 | 44 | Staples | -8.0 | -0.1 |
| 20 | EMC | -3.8 | -9.5 | 45 | NVIDIA | -15.4 | 5.9 |
| 21 | Baker Hughes | -9.1 | 16.3 | 46 | Norfolk Southern | -10.0 | 0.9 |
| 22 | Texas Instruments | -4.6 | 7.7 | 47 | Caterpillar | -6.2 | 3.9 |
| 23 | Cisco Systems | -2.7 | -0.3 | 48 | McKesson | 0.9 | -9.8 |
| 24 | Starbucks | -4.7 | 0.2 | 49 | Hartford Financial Services | -4.7 | 6.7 |
| 25 | Intel | -4.7 | -9.4 | 50 | Home Depot | -7.8 | -9.8 |

Data: Reuters

BW PRODUCTION INDEX

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT

CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK: 0.2%
CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR: 13.9%



The production index posted another positive week. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index climbed to 275.6, from 274.8. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the latest gain was driven by just a few components. Rail-freight traffic had the biggest increase, rebounding after four straight weekly declines. Crude-oil refining and coal output showed mild gains. On the downside, auto and truck production had the biggest falls, followed by lumber, steel, and electric-power production.

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