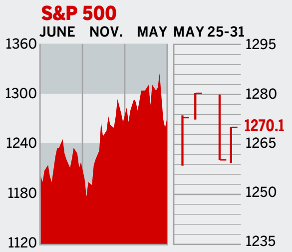
Figures of the Week

STOCKS



COMMENTARY

May is often a bad month for stocks, and 2006 turned out to be a doozie. Fears of inflation, interest rate hikes, and weakness in the dollar pounded stocks, although a new Treasury chief eased the losses late. A minor flight to quality played out in the major indexes: The NASDAQ gained just 0.4% for the week ended May 31, the S&P 500 was up 0.9%, and the Dow 0.5%.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

U.S. MARKETS

	MAY 31	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P 500	1270.1	0.9	1.7	6.6
Dow Jones Industrials	11,168.3	0.5	4.2	6.7
NASDAQ Composite	2178.9	0.4	–1.2	5.4
S&P MidCap 400	765.6	1.8	3.7	14.3
S&P SmallCap 600	376.3	0.9	7.3	16.5
DJ Wilshire 5000	12,802.5	1.1	2.4	8.7

SECTORS

BusinessWeek 50*	726.6	1.0	–2.1	3.3
BW Info Tech 100**	373.6	0.2	–1.8	4.8
S&P/Citigroup Growth	587.7	0.5	–1.5	2.1
S&P/Citigroup Value	680.6	1.3	5.1	11.3
S&P Energy	412.0	3.8	10.5	27.0
S&P Financials	437.3	0.8	2.6	11.6
S&P REIT	162.3	2.3	6.1	13.1
S&P Transportation	275.1	1.8	10.1	26.0
S&P Utilities	160.4	2.4	0.5	5.6
GSTI Internet	174.8	0.0	–14.8	5.0
PSE Technology	812.3	0.2	–2.9	7.9

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

GLOBAL MARKETS

	MAY 31	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	1680.4	0.2	11.2	23.8
London (FT-SE 100)	5723.8	2.4	1.9	15.3
Paris (CAC 40)	4930.2	1.2	4.6	19.6
Frankfurt (DAX)	5692.9	1.9	5.3	27.6
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	15,467.3	–2.8	–4.0	37.2
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	15,857.9	2.2	6.6	14.4
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	11,744.5	2.8	4.2	22.2
Mexico City (IPC)	18,677.9	–0.7	4.9	44.1

FUNDAMENTALS

	MAY 30	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.86%	1.86%	2.04%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	17.0	17.0	19.7
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	14.3	14.3	15.6
First Call Earnings Revision*	–0.58%	–0.43%	–0.56%

*First Call Corp.

TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	MAY 30	WEEK AGO	READING
S&P 500 200-day average	1258.8	1258.0	Positive
Stocks above 200-day average	53.0%	54.0%	Neutral
Options: Put/call ratio	0.92	1.06	Positive
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	4.12	4.48	Negative

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %		LAST 12 MONTHS %
Agricultural Products	14.4	Agricultural Products	109.4
Oil & Gas Exploration	11.2	Steel	102.5
Automobiles	10.4	Divsfd. Metals & Mining	91.3
Power & Energy Traders	8.8	Oil & Gas Equip.	80.9
Hypermkts. & Suprcntrs.	5.7	Employment Services	73.0

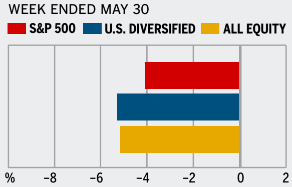
WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %		LAST 12 MONTHS %
Home Entrtnmt. Software	–25.9	Education Services	–33.4
Application Software	–15.0	Automobiles	–21.6
Homebuilding	–13.5	Homebuilding	–20.8
Insurance Brokers	–11.4	Tires & Rubber	–20.8
Specialized Finance	–11.1	Internet Software	–20.5

MUTUAL FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN

WEEK ENDED MAY 30



52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN

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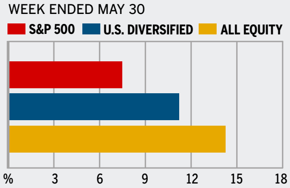

Data: Standard & Poor's

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS		**LEADERS**	
Real Estate	–1.4	Precious Metals	85.7
Utilities	–2.6	Latin America	57.8
Domestic Hybrid	–2.8	Natural Resources	43.5
Health	–3.2	Diversified Emerg. Mkts.	40.7
LAGGARDS		**LAGGARDS**	
Latin America	–16.4	Health	5.3
Diversified Emerg. Mkts.	–12.4	Large-cap Growth	6.5
Precious Metals	–10.3	Domestic Hybrid	6.7
Natural Resources	–8.9	Large-cap Blend	8.3

EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS		**LEADERS**	
DireXion Sm. Cap Bear 2.5X Inv.	20.3	U.S. Global Invrs. Gold	124.8
DireXion NASDAQ 100 Bear 2.5X Inv.	20.0	Midas	124.0
ProFds. USh. Sm. Cap Inv.	16.5	U.S. Glbl. Invs. Prc. Mnls.	117.0
ProFunds UltSh. OTC Inv.	16.0	Van Eck Invrs. Gold A.	102.6
LAGGARDS		**LAGGARDS**	
American Heritage Growth	–20.0	Ameritor Investment	–66.7
DireXion Sm. Cap Bull 2.5X Inv.	–18.2	American Heritage Grth.	–33.3
ProFunds Precs. Mtls. Inv.	–18.0	ProFds. USh. Sm. Cap Inv.	–24.6
DireXion NASDAQ 100 Bull 2.5X Inv.	–17.8	DireXion Sm. Cap Bear 2.5X Inv.	–23.8

INTEREST RATES

KEY RATES

	MAY 31	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Money Market Funds	4.51%	4.49%	2.56%
90-Day Treasury Bills	4.82	4.83	2.95
2-Year Treasury Notes	5.00	4.94	3.58
10-Year Treasury Notes	5.11	5.04	3.98
30-Year Treasury Bonds	5.22	5.13	4.32
30-Year Fixed Mortgage †	6.55	6.55	5.56

†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	4.07%	4.45%
Taxable Equivalent	5.81	6.36
Insured Revenue Bonds	4.17	4.57
Taxable Equivalent	5.96	6.53

THE WEEK AHEAD

NONMANUFACTURERS' INDEX *Monday, June 5, 10 a.m. EDT* » The Institute for Supply Management's Non-Manufacturing Activity Index for May is forecast to have eased back to 61.6%. That's the median forecast of economists polled by Action Economics. The index bounced up to 63% in April. Plus, 41% of respondents, made up mostly of service industries, reported a rise in new orders, the highest level in two-years.

INSTALLMENT CREDIT *Wednesday, June 7, 3 p.m. EDT* » Consumers most likely assumed an additional $3.5 billion of debt in April after taking on $2.5 billon more in March.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE *Friday, June 9, 8:30 a.m. EDT* » The April foreign trade deficit probably widened to $64 billion. In March, the trade gap unexpectedly narrowed to $62 billion. Analysts will focus on imports of petroleum products as well as capital goods exports, which have accelerated as business investment abroad has picked up.

EXPORT-IMPORT PRICES *Friday, June 9, 8:30 a.m. EDT* » May export prices are expected to have increased 0.3%, following a 0.6% jump during April. Import prices in May most likely increased by 0.5%, after surging petroleum prices pushed the index up 2.1% in the previous period.

The *BusinessWeek* production index improved to 276.3 for the week ended May 20, a 14.6% increase from the previous year. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index rose to 277.6.

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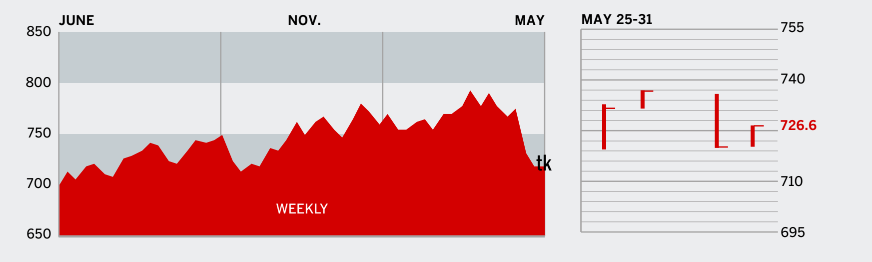
For the BW50, more investment data, and the components of the production index visit www.businessweek.com/magazine/extra.htm

THE BUSINESSWEEK FIFTY



The BW50 had a slightly better week than the overall market, up 1%. The worst performance was among tech stocks such as Apple Computer, down 5.6%; Cisco, down 4%; and Microsoft, down 3.6%. Bucking the negative trend, eBay rose 8.6% on news that its Internet-telephony unit, Skype, will be shipped with new Dell XPS mobile systems.

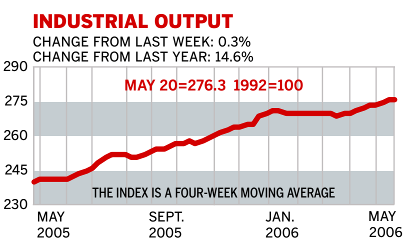
COMPANY PERFORMANCE

RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/06
1	**Apple Computer**	-5.6	-12.7
2	**WellPoint**	1.7	-6.8
3	**Caremark Rx**	4.4	-3.6
4	**UnitedHealth Group**	4.4	-24.5
5	**Schlumberger**	3.7	14.0
6	**Occidental Petroleum**	5.6	8.2
7	**Halliburton**	6.5	9.7
8	**Qualcomm**	-0.8	-4.1
9	**Amgen**	-0.7	-10.5
10	**Aetna**	1.3	-24.6
11	**Lowe's**	2.7	-8.7
12	**Burlington Northern Santa Fe**	3.9	-1.6
13	**Motorola**	3.1	-1.4
14	**Yahoo**	-0.6	-1.5
15	**Goldman Sachs Group**	4.9	6.8
16	**Lehman Brothers Holdings**	3.5	-8.7
17	**Gilead Sciences**	3.3	-7.9
18	**Jabil Circuit**	0.7	-8.0
19	**Best Buy**	3.7	-1.6
20	**EMC**	3.2	-8.7
21	**Baker Hughes**	6.4	27.0
22	**Texas Instruments**	-1.9	4.6
23	**Cisco Systems**	-4.0	-2.8
24	**Starbucks**	1.2	-1.8
25	**Intel**	0.7	-12.5

RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/06
26	**D. R. Horton**	-2.7	-22.7
27	**National Oilwell Varco**	7.6	8.5
28	**JPMorgan Chase**	1.2	3.6
29	**Merrill Lynch**	3.0	-6.2
30	**Valero Energy**	5.6	14.1
31	**ConocoPhillips**	3.5	3.8
32	**Marathon Oil**	2.3	6.3
33	**Prudential Financial**	0.5	-1.2
34	**Microsoft**	-3.6	-15.7
35	**Freeport-McMoRan**	5.5	10.6
36	**Weatherford International**	2.7	20.7
37	**eBay**	8.6	-18.1
38	**Coventry Health Care**	2.1	-12.4
39	**CVS**	-0.8	-1.5
40	**FedEx**	1.8	1.9
41	**Franklin Resources**	3.6	-12.4
42	**Lennar**	-1.6	-20.0
43	**Coach**	2.3	-18.6
44	**Staples**	-1.6	-4.4
45	**NVIDIA**	-4.4	-2.5
46	**Norfolk Southern**	2.7	3.1
47	**Caterpillar**	-0.9	-0.2
48	**McKesson**	3.1	-8.6
49	**Hartford Financial Services**	-0.4	6.7
50	**Home Depot**	0.3	-9.6

Data: Reuters

BW PRODUCTION INDEX



The production index pulled out a small gain. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index rose from 277.2 to 277.6. On a seasonally adjusted basis, rail freight traffic rose modestly as carload freight climbed up to its highest level of the year, according to the Association of American Railroads. On the downside, lumber, electric power production, and steel had the biggest declines. Auto and truck assemblies, along with coal and crude oil refining, were also down.

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

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