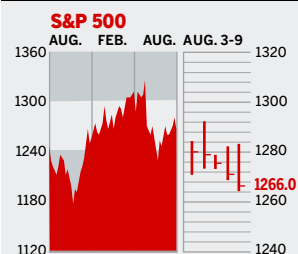


Figures of The Week

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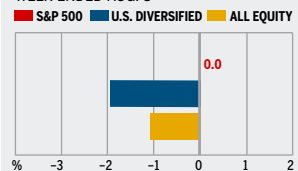
COMMENTARY

The stock market struggled to digest divergent messages this week. The Fed opted not to hike interest rates for the 18th time in a row, but investors found little to celebrate in the face of a slowing economy and lower corporate profits. Oil prices continued to rise, and with the Fed vowing vigilance on inflation, the reprieve from still higher rates may well be temporary.

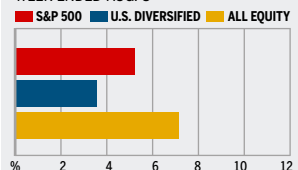
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MUTUAL FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN



52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN



Data: Standard & Poor's

U.S. MARKETS

	AUG. 9	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P 500	1266.0	-1.0	1.4	2.8
Dow Jones Industrials	11,076.2	-1.1	3.3	4.3
NASDAQ Composite	2060.3	-0.9	-6.6	-5.2
S&P MidCap 400	726.8	-1.9	-1.5	2.8
S&P SmallCap 600	354.5	-1.8	1.1	2.7
DJ Wilshire 5000	12,638.7	-1.2	1.1	3.1

SECTORS

	AUG. 8	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
BusinessWeek 50*	714.4	-0.5	-3.7
BW Info Tech 100**	370.7	0.1	-2.6
S&P/Citigroup Growth	584.8	-0.6	-2.0
S&P/Citigroup Value	679.6	-1.4	4.9
S&P Energy	443.2	-0.2	18.9
S&P Financials	436.6	-1.6	2.4
S&P REIT	173.1	-0.5	13.1
S&P Transportation	233.9	-4.1	-6.4
S&P Utilities	171.9	-0.9	7.6
GSTI Internet	158.6	1.5	-22.7
PSE Technology	756.3	-1.8	-9.6

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

GLOBAL MARKETS

	AUG. 9	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	1719.3	0.7	13.7	19.1
London (FT-SE 100)	5860.5	-1.2	4.3	9.3
Paris (CAC 40)	5025.2	0.0	6.6	11.9
Frankfurt (DAX)	5702.8	0.4	5.4	16.2
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	15,656.6	1.2	-2.8	31.6
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	17,346.6	1.8	16.6	15.3
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	12,008.2	0.3	6.5	13.4
Mexico City (IPC)	20,062.4	-0.4	12.7	36.7

FUNDAMENTALS

	AUG. 8	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.88%	1.85%	2.00%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	16.8	16.8	19.4
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	13.9	13.9	15.5
First Call Earnings Surprise*	-0.36%	-0.41%	0.22%

*First Call Corp.

TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	AUG. 8	WEEK AGO	READING
S&P 500 200-day average	1269.9	1267.6	Negative
Stocks above 200-day average	51.0%	50.0%	Neutral
Options: Put/call ratio	0.82	0.90	Positive
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	2.45	2.52	Neutral

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Home Entrtnmt. Sftwre.	15.4	103.4
Tires & Rubber	8.8	72.0
Health-Care Services	8.4	57.5
Power & Energy Traders	7.9	43.9
Health-Care Facilities	7.8	42.1
Agricultural Products		103.4
Steel		72.0
Divsfd. Metals & Mining		57.5
Oil & Gas Refining		43.9
Constr. & Engineering		42.1

WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Internet Retailers	-27.4	-41.5
IT Consulting	-21.0	-40.6
Trading Cos. & Distributions	-17.9	-36.0
Air Freight	-17.4	-34.4
Photographic Products	-16.2	-25.4
Internet Retailers		-41.5
Educational Services		-40.6
Homebuilding		-36.0
Tires & Rubber		-34.4
Photographic Products		-25.4

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS		LEADERS	
Utilities	3.1	Precious Metals	68.2
Latin America	2.8	Latin America	42.7
Diversified Emrg. Mkts.	1.5	Diversified Emrg. Mkts.	27.3
Europe	1.2	Japan	26.4
LAGGARDS		LAGGARDS	
Small-cap Growth	-4.8	Technology	-4.2
Mid-cap Growth	-3.8	Large-cap Growth	-0.3
Technology	-3.7	Health	0.7
Small-cap Blend	-3.3	Small-cap Growth	1.1

EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS		LEADERS	
DireXn. Sm. Cap Br. 2.5X Inv.	8.6	U.S. Global Invsr. Gold	105.8
DireXn. NASDAQ 100 Br. 2.5X Inv.	8.4	Midas	101.5
ProFunds Pharmctcls. Inv.	7.8	U.S. Gbl. Invs. Prc. Mnls.	98.1
iShares Silver Trust	7.4	Van Eck Invsr. Gold A.	86.0
LAGGARDS		LAGGARDS	
Ameritor Investment	-33.3	Ameritor Investment	-81.8
American Heritage Grth.	-25.0	American Heritage Grth.	-50.0
ProFds. Mble. Tlcms. Inv.	-15.0	ProFunds. Semicdr. Inv.	-28.6
Rydex Transportation Inv.	-13.9	ProFds. Mble. Tlcms. Inv.	-26.9

INTEREST RATES

KEY RATES

	AUG. 9	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Money Market Funds	4.82%	4.80%	2.91%
90-Day Treasury Bills	5.07	5.11	3.51
2-Year Treasury Notes	4.91	4.95	4.11
10-Year Treasury Notes	4.94	4.97	4.39
30-Year Treasury Bonds	5.05	5.05	4.57
30-Year Fixed Mortgage †	6.37	6.46	5.83

†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	3.99%	4.40%
Taxable Equivalent	5.70	6.29
Insured Revenue Bonds	4.07	4.55
Taxable Equivalent	5.81	6.50

THE WEEK AHEAD

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

Tuesday, Aug. 15, 8:30 a.m. EDT » Producer prices most likely rose by 0.4% in July after a 0.5% jump in June. That's the median forecast of economists surveyed by Action Economics. Minus food and energy, wholesale prices probably grew 0.2% for a second straight month.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 8:30 a.m. EDT » Consumer prices for

goods and services probably increased 0.4% in July, after a 0.2% gain in June. Minus food and energy, the index is expected to have climbed 0.3% for the fifth straight month. A comparable streak last occurred in early 1993.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 8:30 a.m. EDT » Housing starts in July most likely slowed to an annual pace of 1.83 million, from a pace of 1.85 million in June.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 9:15 a.m. EDT » Factory production probably expanded by 0.5%, after a 0.8% jump in June. The factory utilization most likely climbed to 82.7%, from 82.4%.

LEADING INDICATORS Thursday, Aug. 17, 10 a.m. EDT

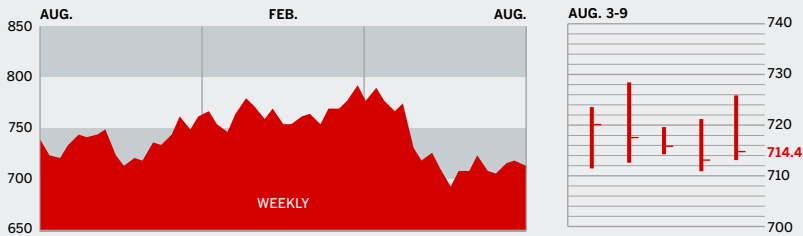
» The Conference Board's index of leading economic indicators is forecast to have edged up by 0.1% for a second straight month.

The *BusinessWeek* production index held pretty steady at 285.2 for the week ended July 29, a 13.2% rise from a year ago. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index eased back to 282.8.

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

THE BUSINESSWEEK FIFTY



Tech stocks bolstered the BW50. eBay rose 7% despite negative comments from Wall Street. And strong sales forecasts sent Cisco stock up 13.2%. Lackluster second quarter earnings led to an 8.1% decline for Prudential Financial, but a Merrill analyst suggested the rout is overdone. Aetna shares, which had recently tumbled on poor profit forecasts, recovered 6.6% during the week.

COMPANY PERFORMANCE

RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE		RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE	
		WEEK	SINCE 3/1/06			WEEK	SINCE 3/1/06
1	Apple Computer	-6.7	-7.2	26	D. R. Horton	-3.4	-39.3
2	WellPoint	-1.7	-2.5	27	National Oilwell Varco	-1.9	7.8
3	Caremark Rx	5.2	12.9	28	JPMorgan Chase	-2.5	7.8
4	UnitedHealth Group	0.8	-15.9	29	Merrill Lynch	0.0	-6.8
5	Schlumberger	-4.0	12.4	30	Valero Energy	-0.1	24.8
6	Occidental Petroleum	-1.2	16.2	31	ConocoPhillips	-0.2	13.0
7	Halliburton	0.7	-0.2	32	Marathon Oil	4.0	30.6
8	Qualcomm	-2.4	-28.9	33	Prudential Financial	-8.1	-6.6
9	Amgen	-4.9	-10.9	34	Microsoft	0.6	-9.0
10	Aetna	6.6	-32.1	35	Freeport-McMoRan	-3.2	7.6
11	Lowe's	-3.9	-19.7	36	Weatherford International	-2.9	8.9
12	Burlington Northern Santa Fe	-3.7	-16.4	37	eBay	7.0	-38.6
13	Motorola	-1.6	6.7	38	Coventry Health Care	-2.3	-10.6
14	Yahoo	2.2	-15.1	39	CVS	0.0	17.1
15	Goldman Sachs Group	0.1	6.2	40	FedEx	-4.8	-8.2
16	Lehman Brothers Holdings	0.7	-11.5	41	Franklin Resources	0.5	-10.3
17	Gilead Sciences	0.1	-0.9	42	Lennar	-1.2	-25.6
18	Jabil Circuit	3.5	-36.7	43	Coach	1.3	-16.9
19	Best Buy	-1.1	-16.6	44	Staples	4.9	-8.1
20	EMC	-0.3	-31.2	45	NVIDIA	6.3	3.2
21	Baker Hughes	-2.8	13.7	46	Norfolk Southern	-4.8	-20.6
22	Texas Instruments	3.6	2.1	47	Caterpillar	-3.2	-6.2
23	Cisco Systems	13.2	-2.3	48	McKesson	-1.4	-6.4
24	Starbucks	-11.3	-18.6	49	Hartford Financial Services	-4.6	-3.1
25	Intel	-1.1	-15.5	50	Home Depot	-2.1	-20.8

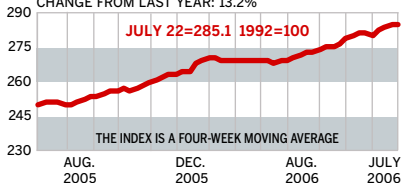
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BW PRODUCTION INDEX

ONLINE RESOURCES

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT

CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK: 0.0%
CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR: 13.2%



The production index was virtually unchanged on the week. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, however, the index retreated back to 282.8, from 284.4. On a seasonally adjusted basis, coal and steel output along with rail-freight traffic posted modest increases. Auto and truck assemblies dropped, while electric-power production, lumber, and crude-oil refining registered smaller dips. During the month of July, the index average jumped to 285.2, from 281.3 for June.

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