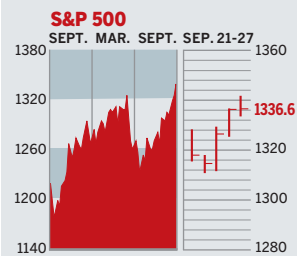


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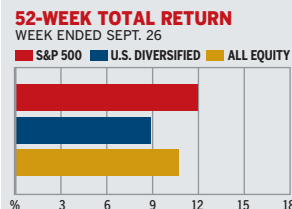
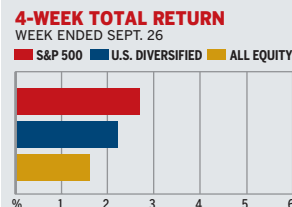


COMMENTARY

Save that bubbly for another day. Although the Dow gained nearly 1% for the week, it fell just short of its all-time high thanks chiefly to a snap-back in oil prices. Energy stocks led the way, with Occidental Petroleum and Marathon Oil up more than 7% each for the week. Drug-related shares were the big losers. The week saw the S&P 500 and NASDAQ rise, too.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

MUTUAL FUNDS



Data: Standard & Poor's

U.S. MARKETS

	SEPT. 27	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	% CHANGE LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P 500	1336.6	0.9	7.1	9.9
Dow Jones Industrials	11,689.2	0.7	9.1	11.8
NASDAQ Composite	2263.4	0.5	2.6	6.9
S&P MidCap 400	758.2	0.6	2.7	7.7
S&P SmallCap 600	376.2	0.0	7.3	8.7
DJ Wilshire 5000	13,339.2	0.7	6.7	9.9

SECTORS

	SEPT. 27	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	% CHANGE LAST 12 MONTHS
BusinessWeek 50*	754.9	1.2	1.8	1.1
BW Info Tech 100**	407.4	0.6	7.1	12.5
S&P/Citigroup Growth	620.9	0.8	4.1	6.8
S&P/Citigroup Value	713.6	1.0	10.2	13.3
S&P Energy	409.6	4.9	9.9	1.3
S&P Financials	465.3	0.6	9.1	18.3
S&P REIT	184.2	0.0	20.3	22.4
S&P Transportation	256.3	1.6	2.6	18.2
S&P Utilities	174.7	2.3	9.4	4.4
GST Internet	174.4	1.7	-15.0	-0.3
PSE Technology	830.2	0.0	-0.7	3.8

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

GLOBAL MARKETS

	SEPT. 27	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	% CHANGE LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	1791.9	1.2	18.5	24.9
London (FT-SE 100)	5930.1	1.1	5.5	8.9
Paris (CAC 40)	5243.1	1.0	11.2	15.3
Frankfurt (DAX)	5989.7	0.6	10.8	20.6
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	15,947.9	1.5	-1.0	19.8
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	17,521.5	0.0	17.8	15.3
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	11,751.6	1.0	4.3	6.2
Mexico City (IPC)	21,748.6	-0.4	22.2	37.6

FUNDAMENTALS

	SEPT. 26	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.82%	1.84%	2.05%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	17.6	17.4	19.0
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	14.7	14.4	14.9
First Call Earnings Revision*	-0.39%	-0.80%	0.55%

*First Call Corp.

TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	SEPT. 26	WEEK AGO	READING
S&P 500 200-day average	1281.8	1280.2	Positive
Stocks above 200-day average	57.0%	53.0%	Neutral
Options: Put/call ratio	0.87	0.81	Positive
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	3.68	3.46	Negative

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

Group	LAST MONTH %	Group	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Tires & Rubber	20.4	Steel	65.5
Genl. Merchandise Chains	18.8	Agricultural Products	59.9
Computer Retailers	17.5	Fertilizers & Ag. Chems.	57.3
Home Furnishings Rtlrs.	17.3	Intgrd. Telecomms. Svcs.	35.8
Automotive Retailers	15.9	Divsfd. Metals & Mining	34.9

WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

Group	LAST MONTH %	Group	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Coal	-19.7	Homebuilding	-25.5
Gold Mining	-17.8	Educational Services	-25.3
Oil & Gas Refining	-17.2	Internet Retailers	-21.0
Oil & Gas Equip.	-10.0	IT Consulting	-16.0
Agricultural Products	-9.6	Wireless Services	-14.8

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN		52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	
	%		%
LEADERS			
Communications	4.6	Precious Metals	34.5
Technology	4.2	Latin America	27.2
Financial	4.0	Real Estate	25.8
Large-cap Growth	2.6	Diversified Emrg. Mkts.	21.8
LAGGARDS			
Natural Resources	-7.6	Natural Resources	2.6
Precious Metals	-7.3	Health	3.8
Japan	-3.3	Small-cap Growth	5.6
Latin America	-1.6	Large-cap Growth	5.9

EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN		52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	
	%		%
LEADERS			
DirXnl. NASDAQ 100 BL. 2.5X Inv.	13.0	U.S. Global Invsr. Gold	55.6
iShares D.J. U.S. Bkr. Dlrs.	11.7	Midas	50.6
ProFds. Sh. Prc. Mtis. Inv.	11.5	U.S. Gbl. Invs. Prc. Mnls.	50.0
ProFunds UltraOTC Inv.	10.4	Van Eck Invsr. Gold A.	49.2
LAGGARDS			
ProFunds Prc. Mtis. Inv.	-16.8	American Heritage Grth.	-50.0
Rydex Commodities H	-13.2	Rydex Commodities H	-23.7
PFds. Oil Equip. Serv. Inv.	-12.8	American Heritage	-22.2
U.S. Gbl. Invs. Prc. Mnls.	-12.3	Merrill Lynch RI. Invmt. C	-22.2

INTEREST RATES

	SEPT. 27	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
KEY RATES			
Money Market Funds	4.84%	4.84%	3.21%
90-Day Treasury Bills	4.88	4.92	3.48
2-Year Treasury Notes	4.69	4.82	4.07
10-Year Treasury Notes	4.60	4.73	4.28
30-Year Treasury Bonds	4.74	4.85	4.54
30-Year Fixed Mortgage †	6.05	6.20	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	3.74%	4.21%
Taxable Equivalent	5.34	6.01
Insured Revenue Bonds	3.86	4.29
Taxable Equivalent	5.51	6.13

THE WEEK AHEAD

PURCHASING MANAGERS' INDEX

Monday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m. EDT
» The Institute for Supply Management's September factory activity index has probably eased back to 53.5%. That's the median forecast of economists surveyed by Action Economics. In August the index edged down to 54.5%.

CONSTRUCTION SPENDING

Monday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m. EDT
» August building outlays are forecast to have rebounded 0.2%.

July spending fell 1.2% on a big drop in residential construction.

VEHICLE SALES Tuesday, Oct. 3

» September sales of light vehicles most likely improved to an annual rate of 16.5 million units, according to WardsAuto.com. August sales slowed to a pace of 16 million vehicles.

FACTORY INVENTORIES

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. EDT
» Manufacturing inventories probably rose 0.3% in August.

EMPLOYMENT Friday, Oct. 6,

8:30 a.m. EDT
» Nonfarm payrolls in September most likely rose by 125,000 workers, after an August gain of 128,000 jobs. The jobless rate is expected to have held at 4.7%, while hourly earnings most likely rose 0.3%.

INSTALLMENT CREDIT Friday,

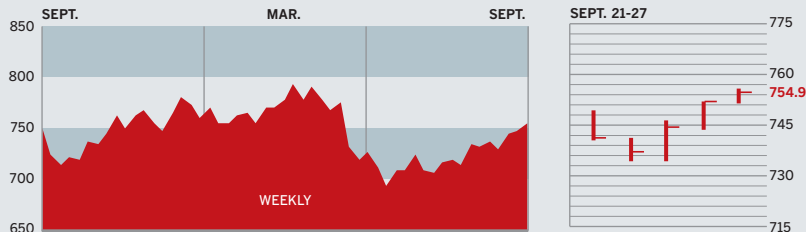
Oct. 6, 3 p.m. EDT
» In August consumers probably took on \$4 billion more of debt, after an increase of \$5.5 billion in July.

The BusinessWeek production index eked out a small gain to 284.8 for the week ended Sept. 16, an 11.4% rise from the previous year. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index held at 284.9.

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THE BUSINESSWEEK FIFTY



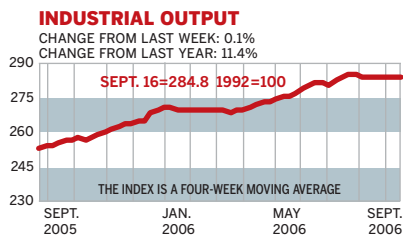
The BW50 posted a 1.2% gain for the week, lifted by a broad market rally that lifted the Dow within shooting distance of a record high. A bounce-back in crude prices lifted the likes of Baker Hughes, Schlumberger, and Weatherford International, which each gained more than 8%. CVS lost 8.7% this week, thanks mainly to Wal-Mart slashing generic drug prices.

COMPANY PERFORMANCE

RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/06	RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/06
1	Apple Computer	1.5	11.6	26	D. R. Horton	4.4	-27.9
2	WellPoint	-0.8	0.5	27	National Oilwell Varco	2.7	-3.8
3	Caremark Rx	-5.6	12.2	28	JPMorgan Chase	-0.8	13.9
4	UnitedHealth Group	-4.8	-15.7	29	Merrill Lynch	1.3	1.9
5	Schlumberger	8.0	5.3	30	Valero Energy	7.2	-3.6
6	Occidental Petroleum	7.4	4.1	31	ConocoPhillips	3.2	-3.1
7	Halliburton	3.7	-15.1	32	Marathon Oil	7.9	8.1
8	Qualcomm	0.1	-19.1	33	Prudential Financial	1.1	-1.7
9	Amgen	1.6	-4.4	34	Microsoft	1.0	2.1
10	Aetna	-0.9	-24.3	35	Freeport-McMoRan	6.8	7.0
11	Lowe's	0.2	-16.8	36	Weatherford International	8.1	-4.5
12	Burlington Northern Santa Fe	3.6	-7.2	37	eBay	3.7	-32.3
13	Motorola	-2.7	14.8	38	Coventry Health Care	-4.6	-13.9
14	Yahoo	-3.9	-23.1	39	CVS	-8.7	14.2
15	Goldman Sachs Group	1.4	19.6	40	FedEx	2.5	2.8
16	Lehman Brothers Holdings	2.2	0.5	41	Franklin Resources	-1.0	2.0
17	Gilead Sciences	3.7	8.1	42	Lennar	1.0	-22.9
18	Jabil Circuit	4.3	-23.5	43	Coach	-0.6	-3.7
19	Best Buy	-0.7	1.1	44	Staples	-1.0	0.7
20	EMC	3.0	-15.5	45	NVIDIA	-2.7	27.9
21	Baker Hughes	8.3	-0.2	46	Norfolk Southern	2.7	-14.7
22	Texas Instruments	2.9	11.5	47	Caterpillar	-0.3	-10.1
23	Cisco Systems	0.3	15.4	48	McKesson	-2.6	-2.9
24	Starbucks	-0.6	-5.1	49	Hartford Financial Services	0.8	6.3
25	Intel	4.6	-1.0	50	Home Depot	0.2	-13.5

Data: Reuters

BW PRODUCTION INDEX



The production index inched up in the latest week. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, however, the index stayed put at 284.9. On a seasonally adjusted basis, lumber output rose the most, followed by a rebound in electric-power production and another increase in truck assemblies. Rail-freight traffic edged higher. Coal suffered the biggest drop for the week, while autos and crude-oil refining posted modest declines. Steel output held steady.

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