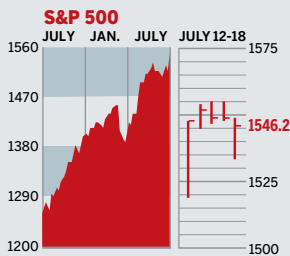


# Figures of the Week

## STOCKS



### COMMENTARY

The markets retreated a smidge after hitting record highs. Lyondell Chemical, which agreed to a buyout, jumped 22%. After losing out on Alcan, Alcoa became the rumored target of BHP Billiton, boosting Alcoa by 9.5%. An analyst upgrade sent American Express shares soaring 8%. Humana's results trumped expectations; shares leapt 10.4%.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

## U.S. MARKETS

	JULY 18	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	1546.2	1.8	9.0	25.0
<b>Dow Jones Industrials</b>	13,918.2	2.5	11.7	28.9
<b>NASDAQ Composite</b>	2699.5	1.8	11.8	32.1
<b>S&amp;P MidCap 400</b>	919.5	1.2	14.3	27.2
<b>S&amp;P SmallCap 600</b>	441.5	1.2	10.4	24.7
<b>DJ Wilshire 5000</b>	15,575.1	1.6	9.6	25.6

## SECTORS

	JULY 17	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO	LAST 12 MONTHS
<b>BusinessWeek 50*</b>	882.2	1.3	10.5	27.2
<b>BW Info Tech 100**</b>	514.9	2.1	15.1	45.7
<b>S&amp;P/Citigroup Growth</b>	713.4	1.9	9.3	24.9
<b>S&amp;P/Citigroup Value</b>	830.9	1.7	8.7	25.1
<b>S&amp;P Energy</b>	567.8	2.9	24.7	34.5
<b>S&amp;P Financials</b>	486.5	0.9	-1.8	14.1
<b>S&amp;P REIT</b>	186.7	0.8	-6.1	9.4
<b>S&amp;P Transportation</b>	298.9	3.8	13.3	12.1
<b>S&amp;P Utilities</b>	205.4	2.2	10.1	23.4
<b>S&amp;P GSTI Internet</b>	229.9	0.6	15.1	43.4
<b>PSE Technology</b>	981.3	2.1	12.1	31.9

\*March 19, 1999=1000 \*\*February 7, 2000=1000

## GLOBAL MARKETS

	JULY 18	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
<b>S&amp;P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)</b>	2262.6	0.6	13.7	43.6
<b>London (FT-SE 100)</b>	6567.1	-0.7	5.6	15.6
<b>Paris (CAC 40)</b>	5996.0	-0.1	8.2	26.6
<b>Frankfurt (DAX)</b>	7893.6	-0.1	19.7	46.3
<b>Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)</b>	18,015.6	-0.2	4.6	24.8
<b>Hong Kong (Hang Seng)</b>	22,841.9	1.0	14.4	42.4
<b>Toronto (S&amp;P/TSX Composite)</b>	14,583.7	2.9	13.0	27.1
<b>Mexico City (IPC)</b>	31,886.7	-0.1	20.6	68.8

## FUNDAMENTALS

	JULY 17	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
<b>S&amp;P 500 Dividend Yield</b>	1.74%	1.79%	1.92%
<b>S&amp;P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)</b>	18.2	17.8	16.5
<b>S&amp;P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*</b>	15.4	15.0	13.5
<b>First Call Earnings Surprise*</b>	2.54%	3.81%	3.80%

\*First Call Corp.

## TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	JULY 17	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
<b>S&amp;P 500 200-day average</b>	1441.1	1435.7	Positive
<b>Stocks above 200-day average</b>	63.0%	61.0%	Neutral
<b>Options: Put/call ratio</b>	0.76	0.77	Positive
<b>Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio</b>	4.95	4.96	Negative

## BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

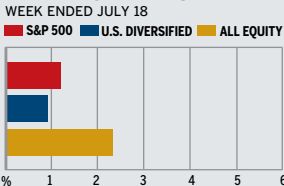
	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
<b>Education Services</b>	30.2	256.5
<b>Divsfd. Metals &amp; Mining</b>	11.5	122.4
<b>Footwear</b>	11.3	76.6
<b>Aluminum</b>	10.9	65.3
<b>IT Consulting</b>	9.2	64.7
<b>Tires &amp; Rubber</b>		256.5
<b>Divsfd. Metals &amp; Mining</b>		122.4
<b>Internet Retailers</b>		76.6
<b>Constr. Materials</b>		65.3
<b>Fertilizers &amp; Ag. Chems.</b>		64.7

## WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

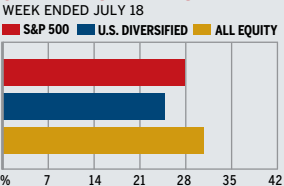
	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
<b>Homebuilding</b>	-10.7	-19.0
<b>Publishing &amp; Printing</b>	-8.1	-12.3
<b>Brewers</b>	-7.4	-10.0
<b>Constr. Materials</b>	-7.1	-3.8
<b>Computer Retailers</b>	-6.6	-2.5
<b>Gold Mining</b>		-19.0
<b>Agricultural Products</b>		-12.3
<b>Homebuilding</b>		-10.0
<b>Spclzd. Cnsmr. Serv.</b>		-3.8
<b>Home Furnishings</b>		-2.5

## MUTUAL FUNDS

### 4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN



### 52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN



Data: Morningstar Inc.

## EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
<b>LEADERS</b>			
Pacific/Asia ex-Japan Stk	10.1	Latin America Stock	86.9
Diversified Emerging Mkts.	8.0	Pacific/Asia ex-Japan Stk.	75.6
Latin America Stock	5.8	Diversified Emerging Mkts.	64.7
Foreign Small/Mid Growth	5.0	Specialty-Communications	49.0
<b>LAGGARDS</b>			
Specialty-Real Estate	-2.5	Bear Market	-22.9
Bear Market	-1.7	Inflation-Protected Bond	2.3
Specialty-Financial	-1.2	Muni Single State Short	2.8
High Yield Bond	-1.0	Muni National Short	3.1

## EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
<b>LEADERS</b>			
Nationwide China Opps. Instl.	15.1	DireXn. Lat. Am. Bull 2X Inv.	191.4
Nationwide China Opps. Svc.	15.1	ProFds. UltraEmrg. Mkts. Inv.	153.8
Nationwide China Opps. R	15.0	ProFds. UltraEmrg. Mkts. Svc.	151.1
Nationwide China Opps. A	15.0	DireXn. Emrg. Mkts. Bull 2X	137.3
<b>LAGGARDS</b>			
ProFds. UltSh. Emrg. Mkts. Svc.	-12.8	Ameritor Investment	-66.7
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DireXn. Emrg. Mkts. Bear 2X	-12.3	ProFds. UltSh. Emrg. Mkts. Inv.	-66.3
DireXn. NASDAQ 100 Bear 2.5X	-11.1	DireXn. Emrg. Mkts. Bear 2X	-63.6

## INTEREST RATES

### KEY RATES

	JULY 18	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
<b>Money Market Funds</b>	4.87%	4.87%	4.75%
<b>90-Day Treasury Bills</b>	4.96	4.95	5.14
<b>2-Year Treasury Notes</b>	4.83	4.88	5.18
<b>10-Year Treasury Notes</b>	5.01	5.08	5.13
<b>30-Year Treasury Bonds</b>	5.10	5.18	5.17
<b>30-Year Fixed Mortgage †</b>	6.67	6.64	6.70

† 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
<b>General Obligations</b>	4.14%	4.54%
<b>Taxable Equivalent</b>	5.91	6.49
<b>Insured Revenue Bonds</b>	4.29	4.72
<b>Taxable Equivalent</b>	6.13	6.74

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### EXISTING HOME SALES

Wednesday, July 25, 10 a.m. EDT

» Existing home sales in June are forecast to have held about steady at an annual pace of 5.95 million units. That's the consensus among economists queried by Action Economics. In May sales fell to a pace of 5.99 million.

**BEIGE BOOK** Wednesday, July 25, 2 p.m. EDT » The Federal Reserve issues its summary of economic conditions before the

Aug. 7 monetary policy meeting. Economists believe the Fed will keep interest rates at 5.25% for at least the next few months.

### DURABLE GOODS ORDERS

Thursday, July 26, 8:30 a.m., EDT

» Durable goods orders most likely rebounded with a 1.5% jump in June. New orders fell 2.4% in May because of big declines in orders for civilian aircraft and machinery.

**NEW-HOME SALES** Thursday, July 26, 10 a.m. EDT » June new-home

sales probably eased to an annual rate of 0.9 million. Sales in May cooled to a pace of 0.92 million.

### GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

Friday, July 27, 8:30 a.m., EDT

» Second-quarter real gross domestic product is expected to have improved to an annualized growth rate of 3.2%, thanks to an upswing in inventories and an increase in exports. The economy slowed sharply in the first quarter to a growth rate of 0.7%.

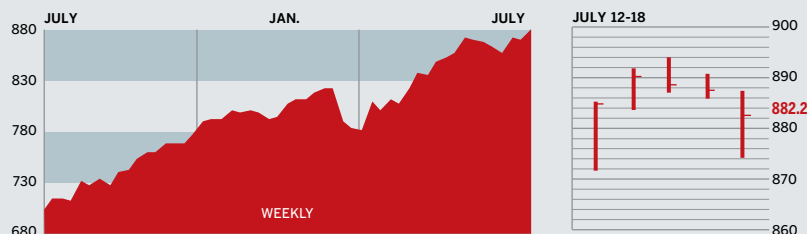
The *BusinessWeek* production index retreated to 308.5 for the week ended July 7, a 9% gain from a year ago. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index plunged to 304.5.

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## THE BUSINESSWEEK FIFTY



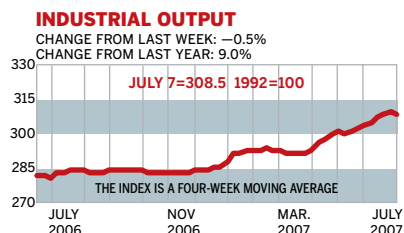
The BW50 rose 1.3%, with 38 of the 50 members moving up. Paccar led the pack with an 6.8% gain. Paychex bounced 6.1% after announcing a dividend increase and a stock buyback. Same-store sales jumped at TJX and so did the stock. In tech, Apple and Amazon.com were up. But refiners tanked, including Sunoco (-3.1%) and Valero Energy (-2.2%).

### COMPANY PERFORMANCE

RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/07	RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/07
1	Google	0.9	22.3	26	Allegheny Technologies	3.9	11.6
2	Coach	0.5	3.8	27	Oracle	2.2	24.2
3	Gilead Sciences	-1.0	9.9	28	Starbucks	2.0	-14.2
4	Nucor	1.0	2.4	29	Moody's	-2.2	-8.0
5	Questar	2.6	34.1	30	PepsiCo	0.0	4.7
6	Sunoco	-3.1	23.9	31	Stryker	3.2	8.5
7	Verizon Communications	2.9	12.2	32	Best Buy	-2.6	-0.5
8	Colgate-Palmolive	1.3	0.5	33	United Parcel Service	1.2	7.1
9	Goldman Sachs Group	-0.8	6.6	34	Apple	4.3	63.2
10	Paccar	6.8	40.4	35	T. Rowe Price Group	5.7	15.8
11	Amazon.com	3.7	87.3	36	Valero Energy	-2.2	32.0
12	Cognizant Technology Solutions	3.4	-5.8	37	Constellation Energy Group	3.2	17.4
13	Avon Products	2.5	7.5	38	TJX	5.3	7.2
14	Varian Medical Systems	-2.7	-5.1	39	Morgan Stanley	0.3	13.9
15	Bed Bath & Beyond	1.0	-9.8	40	Paychex	6.1	7.0
16	CB Richard Ellis Group	4.1	21.4	41	Coventry Health Care	0.8	10.1
17	Robert Half International	0.9	-3.6	42	United States Steel	2.8	28.8
18	Chicago Mercantile Exchange Hldgs.	-0.4	7.1	43	United Technologies	3.5	15.1
19	Adobe Systems	1.4	5.5	44	Hershey	-1.2	-5.6
20	EOG Resources	1.0	10.9	45	Black & Decker	3.8	10.7
21	Sempra Energy	-0.6	-3.6	46	Synovus Financial	0.1	-5.5
22	Sherwin-Williams	1.3	0.7	47	Linear Technology	2.5	13.8
23	Lehman Brothers Holdings	0.4	-2.3	48	AT&T	-0.5	7.7
24	Rockwell Collins	0.9	11.5	49	XTO Energy	2.0	18.4
25	IMS Health	-2.4	10.1	50	PNC Financial Services Group	2.8	-0.1

Data: Reuters

## BW PRODUCTION INDEX



The Production Index fell for the first time in four months. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index dropped to 304.5 from 310.3. On a seasonally adjusted basis, a majority of the components declined: The biggest plunges were in lumber output and rail-freight traffic on a sharp drop in coal shipments. Electric-power production, autos, and coal were also lower. On the positive side, truck assemblies picked up considerably, with crude-oil refining and steel posting small gains.

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