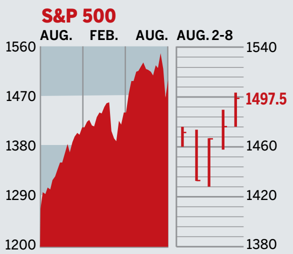
Figures of the Week

STOCKS



COMMENTARY

The markets got a jolt from the Fed's latest econospeak. Although a rate drop isn't in the cards, neither is a hike. Plus, the Fed isn't panicking about the economy despite concerns about certain sectors. This helped homebuilders: Lennar gained 18.6%, while KB Home, DR Horton, and Pulte Homes notched double-digit gains. Fannie Mae was up as well.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

U.S. MARKETS

	AUG. 8	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P 500	1497.5	2.2	5.6	17.8
Dow Jones Industrials	13,657.9	2.2	9.6	22.2
NASDAQ Composite	2613.0	2.3	8.2	26.8
S&P MidCap 400	869.7	1.3	8.1	18.8
S&P SmallCap 600	415.0	1.0	3.7	16.0
DJ Wilshire 5000	15,006.4	2.0	5.6	18.1

SECTORS

BusinessWeek 50*	864.0	2.1	8.2	21.2
BW Info Tech 100**	506.8	2.3	13.2	38.3
S&P/Citigroup Growth	696.2	2.4	6.7	18.8
S&P/Citigroup Value	798.9	2.0	4.5	16.8
S&P Energy	537.1	0.6	17.9	21.8
S&P Financials	466.5	4.0	–5.8	5.5
S&P REIT	180.0	5.3	–9.5	3.6
S&P Transportation	289.2	0.2	9.6	20.9
S&P Utilities	204.8	3.6	9.8	19.2
S&P GSTI Internet	209.3	2.5	4.8	31.7
PSE Technology	947.3	0.4	8.2	25.3

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

GLOBAL MARKETS

	AUG. 8	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	2196.7	2.9	10.4	29.5
London (FT-SE 100)	6393.9	2.3	2.8	9.9
Paris (CAC 40)	5749.3	1.7	3.7	15.7
Frankfurt (DAX)	7605.9	1.8	15.3	34.6
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	17,029.3	0.9	–1.1	10.1
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	22,536.7	0.4	12.9	32.2
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	13,758.2	0.8	6.6	14.7
Mexico City (IPC)	30,661.9	2.0	15.9	50.7

FUNDAMENTALS

	AUG. 7	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.83%	1.86%	1.88%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	17.1	16.8	16.9
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	14.6	14.4	13.9
First Call Earnings Revision*	–1.05%	–0.71%	–0.36%

*First Call Corp.

TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	AUG. 7	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 200-day average	1451.7	1449.3	Positive
Stocks above 200-day average	42.0%	43.0%	Neutral
Options: Put/call ratio	1.15	1.14	Positive
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	2.83	3.83	Negative

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %		LAST 12 MONTHS %
Industrial Gases	10.6	Tires & Rubber	130.9
Airlines	6.8	Internet Retailers	124.1
Home Entertnmnt. Sftwre.	6.5	Divsfd. Metals & Mining	100.7
Soft Drinks	5.6	Auto Parts & Equip.	57.8
Household Products	5.0	Computer Hardware	54.6

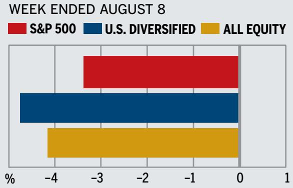
WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %		LAST 12 MONTHS %
Tires & Rubber	–26.3	Homebuilding	–21.3
Real Estate Mgt. & Dvpt.	–22.2	Gold Mining	–18.4
Commerical Printing	–15.1	Agricultural Products	–15.0
Constr. Materials	–14.5	Electric Mfg. Svcs.	–10.4
Health-Care Facilities	–14.2	Home Furnishings	–9.5

MUTUAL FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN

WEEK ENDED AUGUST 8



52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN

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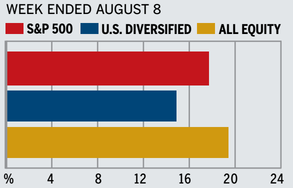

Data: Morningstar Inc.

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS		**LEADERS**	
Bear Market	5.4	Pacific/Asia ex-Japan Stk.	59.3
Long Government	4.9	Latin America Stock	54.4
Inflation-Protected Bond	2.4	Diversified Emerging Mkts.	43.3
Long-Term Bond	1.8	Specialty-Communications	34.5
LAGGARDS		**LAGGARDS**	
Small Value	–10.2	Bear Market	–14.6
Small Blend	–9.2	Inflation-Protected Bond	2.2
Specialty-Real Estate	–8.7	Muni California Long	2.4
Mid-Cap Value	–7.5	Muni Minnesota	2.5

EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS		**LEADERS**	
DireXn. Sm. Cap Bear 2.5X	25.3	DireXn. Lat. Am. Bull 2X Inv.	102.6
Rydex Ivse. Russell 2000 2x H	20.6	Dreyfus Prem. Grtr. China I	101.6
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Rydex Ivse. Russell 2000 2x C	20.6	Dreyfus Prem. Grtr. China T	100.4
LAGGARDS		**LAGGARDS**	
DireXn. Sm. Cap Bull 2.5X	–22.6	ProFds. UltSh. Emrg. Mkts. Svc.	–53.5
Schneider Small Cap Value	–22.2	ProFds. UltSh. Emrg. Mkts. Inv.	–53.0
CIP JSAM Value	–19.5	DireXn. Emrg. Mkts. Bear 2X	–50.2
ProFds. UltraSmall Cap Svc.	–18.7	DireXn. NASDAQ 100 Bear 2.5X	–46.7

INTEREST RATES

KEY RATES

	AUG. 8	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Money Market Funds	4.87%	4.88%	4.82%
90-Day Treasury Bills	4.95	4.88	5.10
2-Year Treasury Notes	4.64	4.55	4.90
10-Year Treasury Notes	4.86	4.76	4.92
30-Year Treasury Bonds	5.02	4.91	5.02
30-Year Fixed Mortgage †	6.47	6.58	6.46

† 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	4.04%	4.49%
Taxable Equivalent	5.77	6.41
Insured Revenue Bonds	4.18	4.67
Taxable Equivalent	5.97	6.67

THE WEEK AHEAD

RETAIL SALES *Monday, Aug. 13, 8:30 a.m. EDT* » July retail sales are expected to have rebounded 0.3%, after a 0.9% drop in June. That's the consensus estimate of economists polled by Action Economics. Minus motor vehicles, sales probably improved 0.4%, after a 0.4% dip in June.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE *Tuesday, Aug. 14, 8:30 a.m. EDT* » The June trade deficit most likely widened just a bit, to $60.8 billion. In May the deficit had narrowed to $60 billion.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX *Tuesday, Aug. 14, 8:30 a.m. EDT* » Producer prices probably ticked up 0.2% in July, after a 0.2% dip in June. Less food and energy, prices likely inched up 0.1%, after a 0.3% gain.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX *Wednesday, Aug. 15, 8:30 a.m. EDT* » Prices in July are forecast to have risen 0.2% after a 0.2% gain in June. Less food and energy, the index probably rose 0.2% for the second month in a row as well.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION *Wednesday, Aug. 15, 9:15 a.m. EDT* » Factory output very likely grew 0.3% in July, following a 0.5% jump in June. Capacity utilization probably edged up to 81.8%, from 81.7% in the prior period.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION *Thursday, Aug. 16, 8:30 a.m. EDT* » July housing starts likely slowed to an annual pace of 1.46 million.

The *BusinessWeek* production index cooled off to 308.2 for the week ended July 28 but was still up 8.1% from the previous year. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index fell to 308.1.

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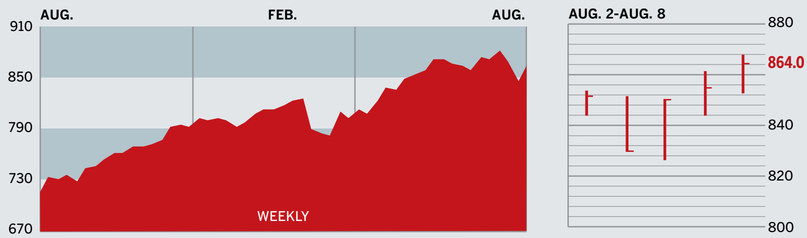
THE BUSINESSWEEK FIFTY



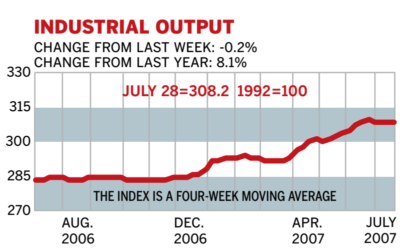
The BW50 rose 2.1%, led by financials. T. Rowe Price Group topped the charts, up 12.4%. It was joined by CME Group (formerly known as the Chicago Mercantile Exchange), Lehman Brothers Holdings, and PNC Financial Services. There were also gains from health care's IMS Health and Stryker and techies like Paychex and Cognizant Technology Solutions.

COMPANY PERFORMANCE

RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/07
1	**Google**	2.5	17.0
2	**Coach**	-2.4	-1.9
3	**Gilead Sciences**	3.6	7.4
4	**Nucor**	8.5	-9.8
5	**Questar**	-0.1	21.2
6	**Sunoco**	-0.6	0.7
7	**Verizon Communications**	-0.1	15.5
8	**Colgate-Palmolive**	1.6	1.4
9	**Goldman Sachs Group**	2.3	-4.2
10	**Paccar**	0.1	17.9
11	**Amazon.com**	0.6	98.7
12	**Cognizant Technology Solutions**	7.7	-3.5
13	**Avon Products**	2.1	-3.7
14	**Varian Medical Systems**	6.3	-4.1
15	**Bed Bath & Beyond**	3.2	-8.4
16	**CB Richard Ellis Group**	-10.2	-7.6
17	**Robert Half International**	-0.7	-12.7
18	**Chicago Mercantile Exchange Hldgs.**	7.8	12.2
19	**Adobe Systems**	1.6	2.5
20	**EOG Resources**	2.3	8.1
21	**Sempra Energy**	2.4	-6.5
22	**Sherwin-Williams**	-1.8	3.8
23	**Lehman Brothers Holdings**	6.5	-11.6
24	**Rockwell Collins**	0.5	6.4
25	**IMS Health**	9.1	8.0
26	**Allegheny Technologies**	2.9	5.1
27	**Oracle**	2.1	22.9
28	**Starbucks**	1.9	-10.3
29	**Moody's**	5.4	-9.8
30	**PepsiCo**	5.3	10.8
31	**Stryker**	9.1	11.1
32	**Best Buy**	2.3	-2.6
33	**United Parcel Service**	1.9	11.7
34	**Apple**	-0.7	58.4
35	**T. Rowe Price Group**	12.4	22.1
36	**Valero Energy**	5.8	16.9
37	**Constellation Energy Group**	1.4	12.5
38	**TJX**	1.9	3.8
39	**Morgan Stanley**	1.6	5.1
40	**Paychex**	11.1	14.0
41	**Coventry Health Care**	-5.4	-2.7
42	**United States Steel**	-3.3	4.3
43	**United Technologies**	-0.8	12.8
44	**Hershey**	4.5	-8.3
45	**Black & Decker**	7.2	10.2
46	**Synovus Financial**	2.3	-11.5
47	**Linear Technology**	-1.3	6.7
48	**AT&T**	0.3	9.6
49	**XTO Energy**	3.8	9.8
50	**PNC Financial Services Group**	6.5	-2.0

Data: Reuters

BW PRODUCTION INDEX



The Production Index slipped a little in the latest week. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index dropped to 308.1, from 309.7 in the prior period. After seasonal adjustments, truck and auto assemblies posted big declines. Electric power production, steel, and coal output were all off modestly. Lumber, crude-oil refining, and rail-freight traffic all managed respectable gains. For the month of July the index average retreated to 308.2, from an average of 310.1 in June.

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