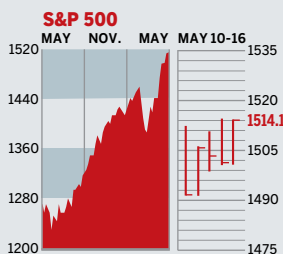


Figures of the Week

STOCKS



COMMENTARY

It was a mixed bag for stocks this week. The Dow kept climbing on news that Warren Buffet's Berkshire Hathaway raised its stake in Johnson & Johnson and Eddie Lampert's hedge fund snapped up shares of Citigroup. The NASDAQ was dragged down by a 13.9% drop in Amgen prompted by more government restrictions on the biotech's anti-anemia drugs.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

U.S. MARKETS

	MAY 16	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P 500	1514.1	0.1	6.8	17.2
Dow Jones Industrials	13,487.5	0.9	8.2	18.1
NASDAQ Composite	2547.4	-1.1	5.5	14.3
S&P MidCap 400	892.4	-0.7	10.9	14.0
S&P SmallCap 600	426.8	-1.5	6.7	10.7
DJ Wilshire 5000	15,203.1	-0.2	6.9	16.6

SECTORS

	MAY 15	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
BusinessWeek 50*	854.0	0.6	6.9
BW Info Tech 100**	474.6	0.6	6.1
S&P/Citigroup Growth	690.7	-0.2	5.8
S&P/Citigroup Value	822.6	0.4	7.6
S&P Energy	503.8	1.0	10.6
S&P Financials	507.3	-0.3	2.4
S&P REIT	197.5	-3.3	-0.7
S&P Transportation	284.6	0.7	7.9
S&P Utilities	216.5	0.8	16.0
GSTI Internet	216.4	-2.7	8.3
PSE Technology	938.8	-1.3	7.2

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

GLOBAL MARKETS

	MAY 16	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	2197.5	-0.3	10.4	26.8
London (FT-SE 100)	6559.5	0.2	5.4	12.2
Paris (CAC 40)	6017.9	-0.6	8.6	18.4
Frankfurt (DAX)	7481.3	0.1	13.4	27.8
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	17,529.0	-1.2	1.8	8.5
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	20,937.3	0.4	4.9	27.7
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	14,025.0	0.9	8.7	18.6
Mexico City (IPC)	30,341.3	1.2	14.7	45.5

FUNDAMENTALS

	MAY 15	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.77%	1.75%	1.81%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	17.7	17.7	17.6
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	15.5	15.6	14.7
First Call Earnings Revision*	-0.03%	-0.10%	-0.18%

*First Call Corp.

TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	MAY 15	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 200-day average	1393.4	1387.3	Positive
Stocks above 200-day average	70.0%	74.0%	Neutral
Options: Put/call ratio	0.77	0.74	Positive
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	6.37	6.16	Negative

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

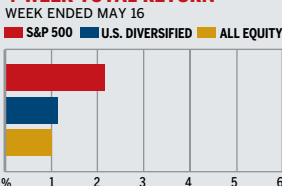
	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Health-Care Supplies	25.3	145.1
Internet Retailers	21.0	63.0
Consumer Electronics	18.2	51.7
Household Appliances	15.1	47.8
Auto Parts & Equip.	12.9	46.8
Tires & Rubber		145.1
Internet Retailers		63.0
Intgrd. Telecomms. Svcs.		51.7
Leisure Products		47.8
Divsfd. Metals & Mining		46.8

WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

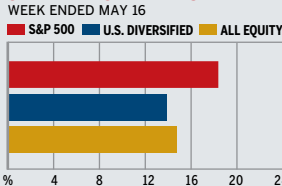
	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Gold Mining	-11.9	-25.9
IT Consulting	-11.0	-23.7
Apparel & Accessories	-9.3	-17.1
Home Entertnmt. Sftwre.	-8.8	-16.9
Department Stores	-7.7	-14.9
Electric Mfg. Svcs.		-23.7
Homebuilding		-17.1
Agricultural Products		-16.9
Employment Services		-14.9

MUTUAL FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN



52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN



Data: Standard & Poor's

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS			
Latin America	4.2	Latin America	38.8
Pacific/Asia ex-Japan	3.1	Utilities	37.4
Natural Resources	3.1	Pacific/Asia ex-Japan	34.1
Utilities	2.5	Europe	25.2
LAGGARDS			
Precious Metals	-4.2	Japan	-5.5
Real Estate	-2.3	Precious Metals	5.5
Japan	-1.1	Small-cap Growth	7.6
Small-cap Growth	-0.8	Small-cap Blend	9.6

EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS			
Credit Suisse Tr. Sm. Cap Val.	14.4	Dreyfus Prem. Grtr. China A	71.5
Dreyfus Prem. Grtr. China A	11.4	DireXn. Lat. Am. Bull 2X Inv.	61.3
ProShrs. Ult. Semiconductors	11.2	AIM China A	60.7
ProFunds UltraDow 30 Inv	9.7	ProFds. UltTelcmm. Inv.	57.5
LAGGARDS			
ProShrs. UltSh. Semiconductors	-10.5	ProFunds UltSh. Emrg. Mkts.	-44.9
ProFunds USH. Dow 30 Inv.	-8.6	DireXn. Emrg. Mkts. Short	-41.9
Rydex Dynamic Dow 30 H	-8.5	DireXn. S&P 500 Bear 2.5X	-28.0
ProShares UltraShort Dow 30	-8.5	DireXn. NASDAQ100 Bear 2.5X	-27.7

INTEREST RATES

KEY RATES

	MAY 16	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Money Market Funds	4.87%	4.86%	4.46%
90-Day Treasury Bills	4.73	4.86	4.83
2-Year Treasury Notes	4.73	4.72	4.95
10-Year Treasury Notes	4.71	4.66	5.10
30-Year Treasury Bonds	4.88	4.84	5.21
30-Year Fixed Mortgage †	6.17	6.11	6.49

† 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	3.80%	4.25%
Taxable Equivalent	5.43	6.07
Insured Revenue Bonds	3.99	4.48
Taxable Equivalent	5.70	6.40

THE WEEK AHEAD

DURABLE GOODS ORDERS

Thursday, May 24, 8:30 a.m., EDT » Durable goods orders are expected to have inched 1% higher in April. That's the consensus forecast among the economists surveyed by Action Economics. In March, orders jumped 3.7%, as demand for machinery, motor vehicles, and steel all bounced higher. A rebound in orders is a positive sign for business investment.

INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

Thursday, May 24, 8:30 a.m. EDT » New filings for state unemployment claims will likely come in around 315,000 for the week ended May 19. **NEW HOME SALES Thursday, May 24, 10 a.m. EDT** » New home sales probably improved in April, to an annualized rate of 0.88 million units, a gain after annualized March sales of 0.86 million houses. The improvement

may have been weather-related: Overall new home sales outside the Northeast were lower.

EXISTING HOME SALES Friday, May 25, 10 a.m. EDT » Existing home sales in April most likely reached an annual rate of 6.18 million units. March sales were lower, at 6.12 million, due entirely to a decline in single-family home sales. The market for condominiums appears to be stabilizing more quickly.

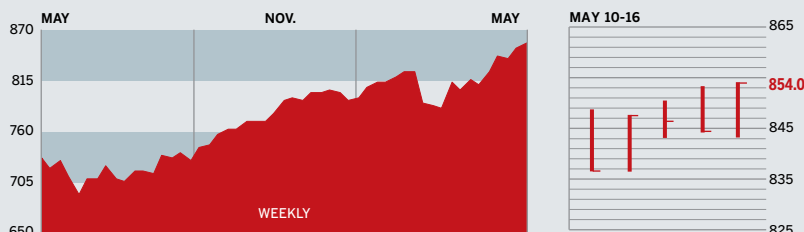
The *BusinessWeek* production index inched up to 301 for the week ended May 5, a 9.6% gain from a year ago. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index fell to 300.8.

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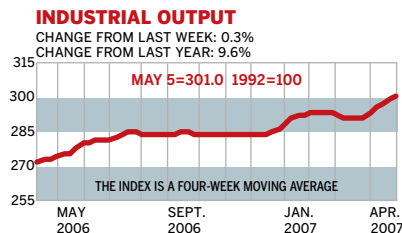
The BW50 rang up a 0.6% gain. Telecoms led the way with AT&T hitting a 52-week high and Verizon Communications climbing 3.7%. On the flip side, shares of Starbucks hit their lowest price since late 2005 on worries over weak profit growth. The Chicago Mercantile Exchange rose 2.6% as it sweetened its bid for the Chicago Board of Trade.

COMPANY PERFORMANCE

RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/06	RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/06
1	Google	0.7	5.2	26	Allegheny Technologies	-2.5	10.8
2	Coach	-3.9	0.5	27	Oracle	0.8	15.6
3	Gilead Sciences	1.1	17.4	28	Starbucks	-6.1	-8.7
4	Nucor	0.3	8.8	29	Moody's	-0.6	5.3
5	Questar	0.5	18.8	30	Pepsico	2.2	8.8
6	Sunoco	-1.9	14.0	31	Stryker	1.6	7.1
7	Verizon Communications	3.7	14.1	32	Best Buy	-0.4	1.5
8	Colgate-Palmolive	-0.6	0.1	33	United Parcel Service	0.6	1.6
9	Goldman Sachs Group	0.4	12.7	34	Apple	0.4	26.9
10	Paccar	-2.8	24.3	35	T. Rowe Price Group	-2.0	6.3
11	Amazon.com	0.6	61.5	36	Valero Energy	-3.0	25.0
12	Cognizant Technology Solutions	-2.5	-13.9	37	Constellation Energy Group	0.6	19.6
13	Avon Products	-3.2	4.9	38	TJX	-2.0	0.3
14	Varian Medical Systems	-3.8	-10.2	39	Morgan Stanley	-2.5	12.0
15	Bed Bath & Beyond	-3.8	0.4	40	Paychex	0.8	-4.3
16	CB Richard Ellis Group	-4.3	8.0	41	Coventry Health Care	2.4	10.6
17	Robert Half International	1.0	-10.2	42	United States Steel	-3.1	24.0
18	Chicago Mercantile Exchange Hlds.	2.6	-3.5	43	United Technologies	-0.4	4.3
19	Adobe Systems	2.5	7.7	44	Hershey	-4.5	-0.8
20	EOG Resources	-0.4	11.7	45	Black & Decker	-1.5	10.8
21	Sempra Energy	1.3	5.1	46	Synovus Financial	-1.3	-0.2
22	Sherwin-Williams	1.7	0.8	47	Linear Technology	-1.7	13.7
23	Lehman Brothers Holdings	-4.3	0.0	48	AT&T	4.1	11.6
24	Rockwell Collins	0.9	3.0	49	XTO Energy	0.8	7.4
25	IMS Health	1.0	6.9	50	PNC Financial Services Group	-0.7	2.0

Data: Reuters

BW PRODUCTION INDEX



The Production Index pulled out another gain in the latest period. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index slipped to 300.8, from 301.1 in the prior week. On a seasonally adjusted basis, only two components managed to rise. Both steel and electric-power production only rose modestly. Auto and truck assemblies posted the sharpest drops. Lumber, crude-oil refining, and coal output all declined modestly, while rail-freight traffic was little changed.

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