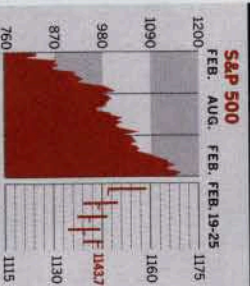


# Personal Business Figures of the Week

## STOCKS



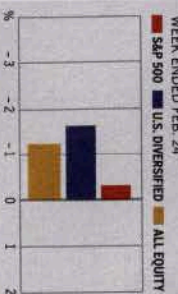
### COMMENTARY

Markets fell four days in a row before finally turning up on Feb. 25. Adding to the unease were falling January consumer confidence numbers. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, predicting lively growth, gave a thumbs-up to tax cuts and a thumbs-down to deficits. His advice? Cut the government's massive entitlement spending.

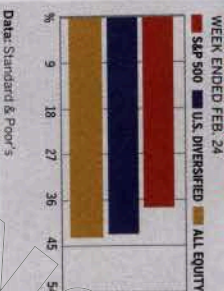
Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets; Reuters

## MUTUAL FUNDS

### 4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN



### 52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN



Data: Standard & Poor's

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### PERSONAL INCOME Monday, Mar. 1, 8:30 a.m. EST

Personal income in January is expected to have jumped by 0.7%, following a 0.2% gain in December. That's based on the median forecast of economists polled by Informa Global Markets. Consumer expenditures most likely grew by 0.7% as well, after a 0.4% increase in the prior month.

### PURCHASING MANAGERS' INDEX Monday, Mar. 1, 10 a.m. EST

## U.S. MARKETS

	FEB. 25	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE
S&P 500	1143.7	-0.7	2.9
Dow Jones Industrials	10,601.6	-0.7	1.4
NASDAQ Composite	2023.0	-2.6	1.0
S&P MidCap 400	594.2	-1.9	3.2
S&P SmallCap 600	280.3	-1.5	3.7
Wilshire 5000	11,133.6	-0.9	3.1

## SECTORS

	FEB. 25	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE
BusinessWeek 50*	636.9	-0.1	2.4
BW Info Tech 100**	356.3	-1.9	1.7
S&P/BARRA Growth	569.7	-0.8	2.5
S&P/BARRA Value	569.7	-0.6	3.2
S&P Financials	235.8	1.6	5.2
S&P REIT	399.3	-0.5	5.1
S&P Transportation	189.7	-1.6	-6.1
S&P Utilities	120.6	-0.7	1.8
GST Internet	138.9	-5.1	-4.0
PSE Technology	721.1	-3.2	3.4

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

### BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Health Care Supplies	12.1	136.1
Wireless Services	11.9	116.7
Fertilizers & Ag. Chems.	11.7	109.1
Motorcycles	11.5	102.3
Hypermarkets & Supercenters	10.0	94.3

### EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

LEADERS		LEAGARDS	
Europe	1.7	Latin America	84.5
Real Estate	1.6	Diversified Emrg. Mkts.	70.7
Natural Resources	0.6	Europe	64.7
Financial	0.5	Pacific/Asia ex-Japan	63.4
LAGGARDS		LAGGARDS	
Technology	-6.0	Domestic Hybrid	24.8
Small-cap Growth	-5.1	Miscellaneous	29.3
Latin America	-4.9	Utilities	33.8
Japan	-4.0	Large-cap Growth	35.0

### EQUITY FUNDS

LEADERS		LEADERS	
Prof. Writ. Ultr. Inv.	11.0	Apex Mid Cap Growth	156.4
Rydex Dynam. Vent. 100	7.4	Reynolds	148.4
Profunds Ultrsh. OTC Inv.	7.4	Prfs. Ultr. Sm. Cap Inv.	137.5
Henderson Europ. Focus A	6.6	Prof. Writ. Ultr. Inv.	131.2
LAGGARDS		LAGGARDS	
Grand Prix A	-12.7	Rydex Dynam. Vent. 100	-60.1
Thurloew Growth	-14.6	Profunds Ultrsh. OTC Inv.	-60.1
Nayveller Perf. Agr. Gr	-13.2	Rydex Dyn. Tempest 500	-50.6
Van Wagener Emerging Gr.	-12.0	Profunds UltraBear Inv.	-50.5

## GLOBAL MARKETS

	FEB. 25	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	1224.5	-3.3	3.9
London (FT-SE 100)	4507.5	1.5	0.7
Paris (CAC 40)	3702.6	-0.2	4.1
Frankfurt (DAX)	3995.3	-2.4	0.8
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	10,658.7	-0.2	-0.2
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	13,599.5	-2.4	8.1
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	9637.3	-0.9	5.1
Mexico City (IPC)	9926.7	-2.0	12.9

## FUNDAMENTALS

	FEB. 24	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.55%	1.52%	1.92%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	23.4	23.8	28.8
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	18.2	18.5	15.1
First Call Earnings Revision*	0.76%	0.72%	-3.88%

## TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	FEB. 24	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 200-day average	1031.1	1031.7	Positive
Stocks above 200-day average	86.0%	89.0%	Negative
Options: Put/call ratio	0.69	0.60	Neutral
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	6.23	6.05	Negative

### WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

Employment Services	-16.2	Photographic Products	-1.5
Tires & Rubber	-14.2	Health-Care Facilities	-0.1
Broadcasting	-12.8	Trading Cos. & Distribs.	3.2
Automobiles	-12.3	Health-Care Distributors	9.5
Airlines	-11.1	Brewers	12.8

## INTEREST RATES

### KEY RATES

	FEB. 25	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Money Market Funds	0.59%	0.60%	0.90%
90-Day Treasury Bills	0.95	0.92	1.20
2-Year Treasury Notes	1.60	1.67	1.53
10-Year Treasury Notes	4.01	4.05	3.77
30-Year Treasury Bonds	4.89	4.91	4.74
30-Year Fixed Mortgage	5.48	5.45	5.79

\*Bankquote 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	3.34%	4.30%
Taxable Equivalent	4.77	6.14
Insured Revenue Bonds	3.48	4.68
Taxable Equivalent	4.97	6.69

That's suggested by the sluggish gain in factory output for the month. Factory inventories were unchanged in December.

**EMPLOYMENT Friday, Mar. 5, 8:30 a.m. EST** February nonfarm payrolls are forecast to have increased by 110,000, after adding 112,000 positions in January. The unemployment rate probably held steady at 5.6%, while average hourly wages very likely ticked up by 0.2%.

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