

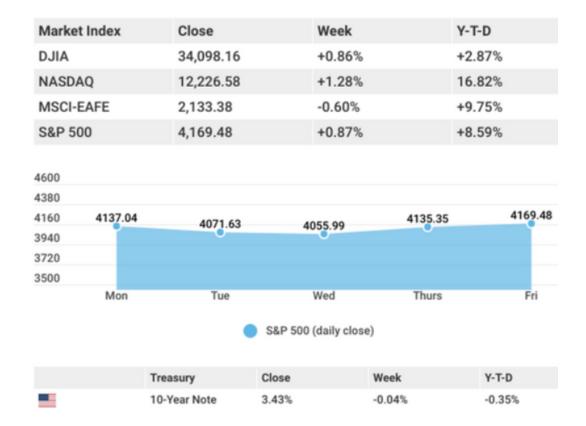
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ATTENTION SHIFTS TO FED MAY MEETING

Strong earnings from several mega-cap technology companies offset renewed regional banking jitters and weak economic data, leaving stocks higher for the week.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 0.86%, while the Standard & Poor's 500 added 0.87%. The Nasdaq Composite index rose 1.28% for the week. The MSCI EAFE index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, lost 0.60%.







Earnings Drive Rebound

It was a very busy week of earnings reports, but none more important than those from the Big Tech names. After two days of sharp losses on revived regional banking fears and otherwise lackluster earnings results, stocks rallied powerfully on a succession of positive earnings surprises from several mega-cap companies.

Also aiding the sentiment was last week's first quarter Gross Domestic Product (GDP) report. Though the report showed muted economic growth that fell short of expectations, investors were encouraged by strong consumer spending.

Slowing Growth

In a sign that higher rates are slowing economic growth, first-quarter GDP slowed to a 1.1% annualized growth rate as healthy consumer spending helped offset a decline in business investment and a slowdown in nonresidential investment.

Economists had expected first-quarter GDP growth to come in at 2%. The business inventory investment slowdown reduced the headline GDP number by 2.26%.

The initial estimate of GDP also reported some disappointing inflation news as the quarter-over-quarter Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index, the Fed's preferred inflation measure, rose 4.2%, which was higher than the 3.7% forecast.



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Key Economic Data

Monday: Institute for Supply

Management (ISM) Manufacturing

Index.

Tuesday: Factory Orders. Job Openings

and Turnover Survey (JOLTS).

Wednesday: FOMC Announcement. Institute for Supply Management (ISM)

Services Index.

Thursday: Jobless Claims.

Friday: Employment Situation.

Companies Reporting Earnings

Monday: Stryker Corporation (SYK), ON Semiconductor Corporation (ON).

Tuesday: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. (AMD), Ford Motor Company (F), Pfizer, Inc. (PFE), Starbucks Corporation (SBUX), Marathon Petroleum (MPC).

Wednesday: CVS Health Corporation (CVS), Qualcomm, Inc. (QCOM), Albemarle Corporation (ALB), Barrick Gold Corporation (GOLD).

Thursday: Apple, Inc. (AAPL), Block, Inc. (SQ), Shopify, Inc. (SHOP), ConocoPhillips (COP), Booking Holdings,

Inc. (BKNG), Regeneron

Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (REGN).

Friday: Cigna Group (CI), EOG

Resources, Inc. (EOG), Dominion Energy,

Inc. (D).

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



"As you get older, your willingness to tell more of the truth is awakened and you don't have to think about it or imagine it because now you know this to be true."

- Keith David

TAX TIP



Tax Tips For Those In The Military

The Internal Revenue Service has certain special tax breaks and programs for members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Here are a few.

Earned Income Tax Credit

You may include nontaxable combat pay in your taxable income. Including it may boost your earned income tax credit, resulting in you owing less and potentially a larger refund.

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Signing Joint Returns

As a rule, both spouses normally must sign a joint income tax return. If your spouse is absent due to military duty, you may be able to sign for your spouse. However, you may need a power of attorney to file a joint return.

Job Search

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act suspended the deduction for moving and job search expenses for most taxpayers through January 1, 2026. This suspension does not apply to members of the Armed Forces on active duty who move under a military order related to a permanent change of station.

HEALTH LIVING TIP



Stay Healthy During Flu Season

Conventional wisdom is that flu season comes during Fall and Winter, but the truth is that it can vary wildly from year to year and region to region.

Fortunately, you may reduce your risk this coming flu season with a few simple steps.

 Get the flu vaccination: The Centers for Disease Control estimates that fewer than half of

- all Americans got the flu vaccine last year. While getting the vaccine may not prevent you from getting a strain of the flu, it may help you avoid one of the other strains. This is especially important for anyone with a chronic health condition and those 65 and older.
- Wash your hands: Handwashing remains one of the most effective ways to prevent the flu.
 Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and wash your hands often.
- Disinfect: Disinfect objects that you touch every day, like doorknobs, your car's steering wheel, and other household items that you use regularly.

While this information should not substitute for medical advice from your healthcare provider, implementing better habits, like frequent hand-washing, wearing a face mask, and avoiding anyone ill, may help you and your loved ones stay healthy this flu season.

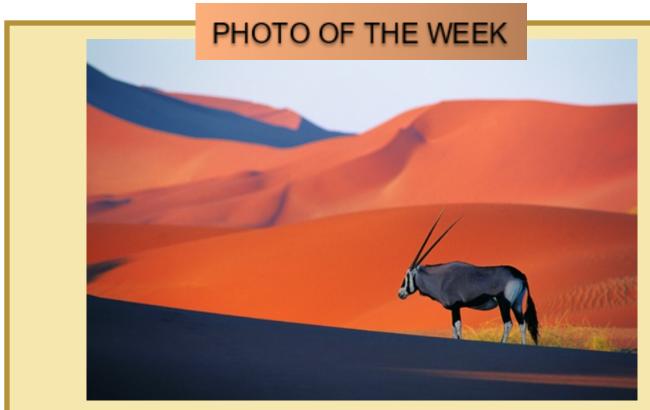






Two fathers and two sons shopped for computers at their local big box retailer. Each bought a PC. vet they purchased only three PCs in total. How could this be?

Riddle from last edition: I can't walk, but at times I run, and I am challenging to hide. I am always with you. What am I? *Answer: Your nose.*



Oryx Antelope in the Kalahari Desert, S. Africa



Do you have questions about your finances, the market, or the economy?

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