

# Weekly Market Insights

March 13, 2023

Stocks tumbled last week as investors reconsidered their interest rate expectations after Fed Chair Powell's Congressional testimony that rates may need to go higher. Stocks also were rattled when a west coast bank was placed into receivership on Friday following a run on deposits.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 4.44%, while the Standard & Poor's 500 lost 4.55%. The Nasdaq Composite index fell 4.71% for the week. The MSCI EAFE index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, slipped 0.37%.<sup>1,2,3</sup>



Market Index	Close	Week	Y-T-D
DJIA	31,909.64	-4.44%	-3.73
NASDAQ	11,138.89	-4.71%	+6.42%
MSCI-EAFE	2,062.92	-0.37%	+6.12%
S&P 500	3,861.59	-4.55%	+0.58%



Treasury	Close	Week	Y-T-D
10-Year Note	3.70%	-0.27%	-0.18%

Sources: The Wall Street Journal, March 10, 2023; Treasury.gov, March 10, 2023  
Weekly performance for the Dow Jones Industrial Average, Standard & Poor's 500 Index, and NASDAQ Composite Index is measured from the close of trading on Friday, March 3, to Friday, March 10, close. Weekly performance for the MSCI-EAFE is measured from Friday, March 3, open to Thursday, March 9, close. Weekly and year-to-date 10-year Treasury note yield are expressed in basis points.

## Rate Fears, Bank Scare

Congressional testimony on Tuesday by Fed Chair Jerome Powell that interest rates may require a higher increase faster than planned unnerved investors, dimming the hopes of any pause in rate hikes this summer. After stabilizing the following day, stocks trended lower as the financial sector came under pressure. The lower move was triggered by a specialty bank's liquidity issues, though regional and money center banks could not escape the selling.

Labor market strength in a Friday report exacerbated rate-hike anxieties, though cooling wage gains balanced an above-consensus new jobs number. Markets appeared to take the employment report in stride but fell on worries arising from the shutdown of a tech-centric bank.<sup>4</sup>

## Powell's Congressional Testimony

Fed Chair Powell last week testified on Capitol Hill during which he acknowledged that the economy was running hotter than he had expected. He said that labor market strength and stubbornly elevated inflation may require the Fed to raise rates quicker than anticipated and above levels previously contemplated.

The market did not respond well to Powell's change of tone. Many now see the potential of a 0.50% rate hike coming out of the Federal Open Market Committee's (FOMC) March 21-22 meeting instead of the expected increase of 0.25%. Powell did say that the FOMC would consider the monthly employment report released last Friday and upcoming inflation reports before arriving at a decision.

## This Week: Key Economic Data

- Tuesday:** Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- Wednesday:** Producer Price Index (PPI), Retail Sales.
- Thursday:** Jobless Claims, Housing Starts.
- Friday:** Industrial Production, Consumer Sentiment, Index of Leading Economic Indicators.

Source: Econoday, March 10, 2023  
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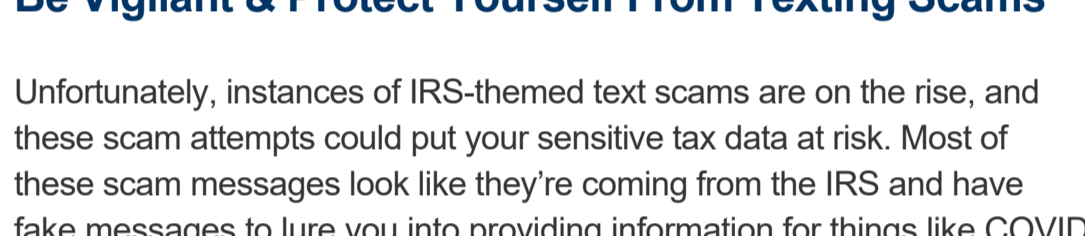
## This Week: Companies Reporting Earnings

- Wednesday:** Adobe, Inc. (ADBE), Lennar Corporation (LEN).
- Thursday:** FedEx Corporation (FDX), Dollar General Corporation (DG).

Source: Zacks, March 10, 2023  
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*"He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life."*  
– Muhammad Ali

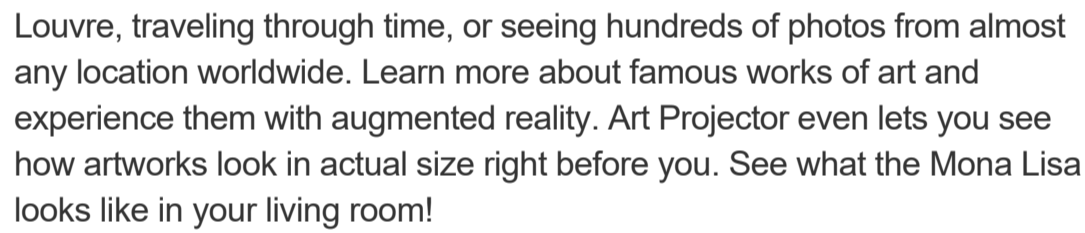


## Be Vigilant & Protect Yourself From Texting Scams

Unfortunately, instances of IRS-themed text scams are on the rise, and these scam attempts could put your sensitive tax data at risk. Most of these scam messages look like they're coming from the IRS and have fake messages to lure you into providing information for things like COVID relief or tax credits. They may also ask for your information to help you set up an IRS account online.

Be aware of these scams to protect yourself and your data. Remember, the IRS does not send emails or texts asking for personal or financial information. If you receive a text like this, report it to the IRS by emailing phishing@irs.gov.

Tip adapted from IRS.gov<sup>5</sup>



## This Virtual Experience Lets You Take a Vacation Without Leaving Home

You can do many things with Google Arts & Culture, including exploring lands near and far without even leaving your house.

The platform is constantly growing, but some of the most popular things you can do include hiking Machu Picchu, taking a virtual tour of the Louvre, traveling through time, or seeing hundreds of photos from almost any location worldwide. Learn more about famous works of art and experience them with augmented reality. Art Projector even lets you see how artworks look in actual size right before you. See what the Mona Lisa looks like in your living room!

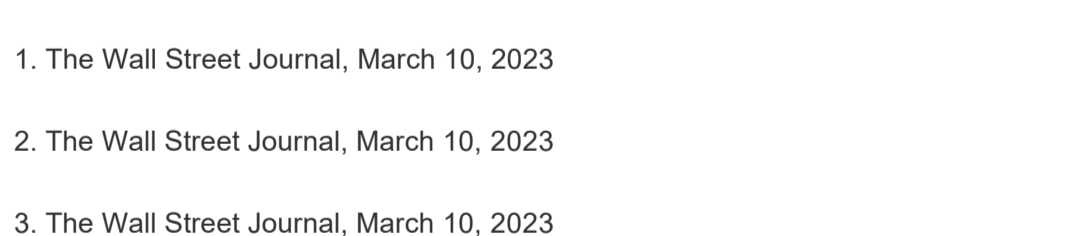
The experience works on your computer, but you can also download the app to experience Google Arts & Culture on the move.

Tip adapted from Google Arts & Culture<sup>6</sup>



You need to park a car for the weekend. You find a parking space marked "2-Hour Parking M-F, 8am-6pm" with no other restrictions. You call the city and find that overnight parking is allowed on this block. So, what is the maximum amount of time you can leave your car in this space without getting a ticket?

*Last week's riddle: We know that a seahorse isn't a horse, and we know that a silverfish isn't a fish. For that matter, a snakehead isn't a snake – but what is it? Answer: A predatory fish found in both Asia and Africa.*



Bornean Orangutans, Lamandau Nature Reserve, Borneo, Indonesia

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