

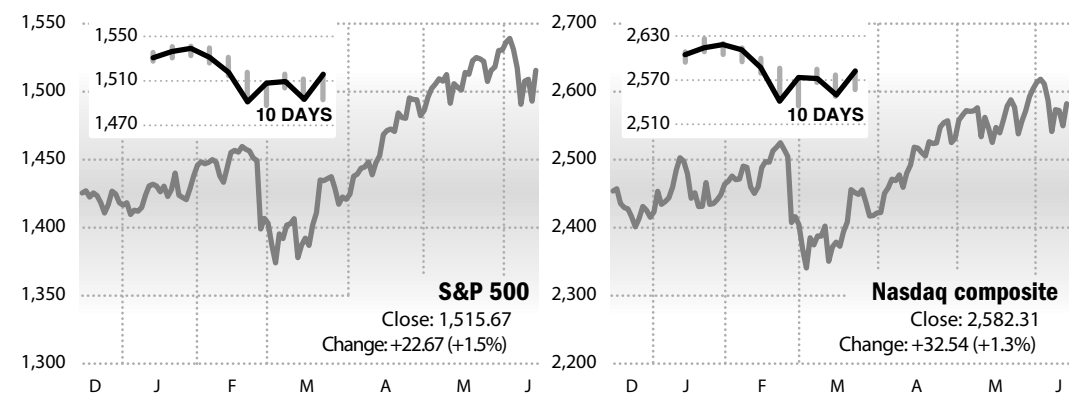
Market summary table with columns for S&P 500, NASDAQ, DOW, 6-MO T-BILLS, 10-YR T-NOTES, GOLD, EURO, CRUDE OIL, and their respective values and changes.

Today

Stocks rocketed Wednesday, but today's reports on inflation and the tight employment market could damp the market's gains.

Inflation and stocks

Pundits blame the recent stock pullback on rising bond yields. Those yields, some economists say, have spiked because of rising expectations of inflation both in this country and abroad.



Stocks Recap

Table with columns for DOW, NASDAQ, S&P 500, and Russell 2000, showing high, low, close, and change values.

Job well done

Strong employment sustained the economy through this year's big challenges: surging energy prices and the meltdown in mortgages to borrowers with poor credit.

Hottest housing markets cooling off

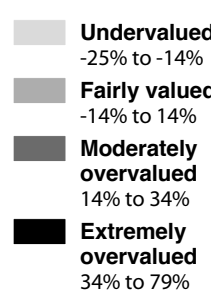
Home prices fell in half of the nation's major metropolitan areas in the first quarter, even as strong gains in Texas and the Carolinas pushed up the nationwide average price of a single-family home by an annual rate of 2.2 percent.

from Global Insight and National City Corp. Prices are "reverting to their historic norms" but a further correction in overheated markets is likely, the authors say.

According to a valuation analysis based on government statistics and local economic conditions. The Lone Star State has the four most undervalued markets — Dallas, Houston, College Station, and Fort Worth.

Home Thermostat

Single-family homes in 317 metro areas



Selected undervalued and overvalued markets

Table listing metro areas like Dallas, Texas and Indianapolis, IN, with median price, valuation, and percentage change.

SOURCES: Global Insight; National City Corp. Report at www.nationalcity.com/housevaluation

Investment bank earnings

Strong financial markets have boosted demand for underwriting and brokerage services, helping investment banks. U.S. debt issuance rose 53 percent and global international public offerings rose 67 percent.

Briefly

A human skull encrusted with 8,601 diamonds by British artist Damien Hirst was recently offered for \$100 million at a British gallery.

Local Stocks

Table listing local stocks with columns for Name, Ticker, 52-Week Low, 52-Week High, Close, Change, % Change, and Volume.

NASDAQ Stock Exchange

Table listing NASDAQ stock exchange tickers and their corresponding values.

New York Stock Exchange

Table listing New York Stock Exchange tickers and their corresponding values.

Interest rates



U.S. Treasury bonds surged as investors bet that recent yield increases will boost borrowing costs and cool the economy.

Table showing interest rates for Treasuries, Bonds, and Commodities with columns for instrument, yield, and change.

Commodities

Oil prices rebounded from a seven-week low after a government report indicated a smaller-than-expected gain in supplies of motor fuel.

Table showing commodity prices for Fuels, Metals, and Agriculture.



Large advertisement for 'The Living Room' featuring a house, a truck, and the slogan 'Here's What We Do...'. Includes address and phone number.

Table listing AMEX stock exchange tickers and their corresponding values.

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