

Hawkish comments from Fed Chair Jerome Powell overshadowed many largely positive earnings results, sending stocks lower for the week.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average declined 1.86%, while the Standard & Poor's 500 dropped 2.75%. The Nasdaq Composite index fell 3.83% for the week. The MSCI EAFE Index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, advanced 0.50%.^{1,2,3}



Focus Comes Off Earnings

With the inflation report in the expected mirror and a Fed meeting two weeks away, many may have expected corporate earnings to be in focus last week. Comments by Jerome Powell stole the spotlight.

Investors began the week awaiting earnings reports looking for insight into businesses handling the latest inflation, a jittery consumer, tighter monetary policy, and ongoing supply chain issues. Despite one high-profile earnings disappointment, corporate profits appeared better than expected. By the time trading began on Thursday, 17% of S&P 500 companies had reported, and 81% had beaten Wall Street analysts' estimates. Investors responded positively, sending share prices higher until Powell's comments on Thursday afternoon triggered selling into the day's close and accelerated through Friday.⁴

Powell Unnerves Markets

On Thursday, at an event hosted by the International Monetary Fund, the Fed Chair offered his view that it may be appropriate to move more quickly on raising interest rates. He indicated that a 50 basis point hike was on the table for the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC).⁵

His comments also emphasized the need to restore price stability, recalling the successful efforts of former Fed Chair Paul Volker, who used a series of rate hikes to tame the inflation of the 1970s and early 1980s. While some observers anticipated these comments, yields rose, and stocks fell in response.

This Week: Key Economic Data

Tuesday: Durable Goods Orders. Consumer Confidence. New Home Sales.

Thursday: Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Jobless Claims.

Friday: Consumer Sentiment.

Source: Econoday, April 22, 2022

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This Week: Companies Reporting Earnings

Monday: The Coca-Cola Company (KO).

Tuesday: Microsoft Corporation (MSFT), Visa, Inc. (V), Alphabet, Inc. (GOOGL), General Motors Company (GM), Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM), 3M Company (MMM), Texas Instruments, Inc. (TXN), United Parcel Service, Inc. (UPS), D.R. Horton, Inc. (DHI), Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. (CMG).

Wednesday: Meta Platforms, Inc. (FB), The Boeing Company (BA), Ford Motor Company (F), Qualcomm, Inc. (QCOM), PayPal Holdings, Inc. (PYPL), Amgen, Inc. (AMGN), ServiceNow, Inc. (NOW), Norfolk Southern Corporation (NSC).

Thursday: Apple, Inc. (AAPL), Amazon.com, Inc. (AMZN), Intel Corporation (INTC), Mastercard, Inc. (MA), Caterpillar, Inc. (CAT), Merck & Co., Inc. (MRK), McDonald's Corporation (MCD), The Southern Company (SO), Eli Lilly and Company (LLY), Northrop Grumman Corporation (NOC).

Friday: AbbVie, Inc. (ABBV), Exxon Mobil Corporation (XOM), Bristol Myers Squibb Company (BMY), Chevron Corporation (CVX), Honeywell International, Inc. (HON), Colgate-Palmolive Company (CL), L3Harris Technologies, Inc. (LHX).

Source: Zacks, April 22, 2022

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"You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows."

– Bob Dylan



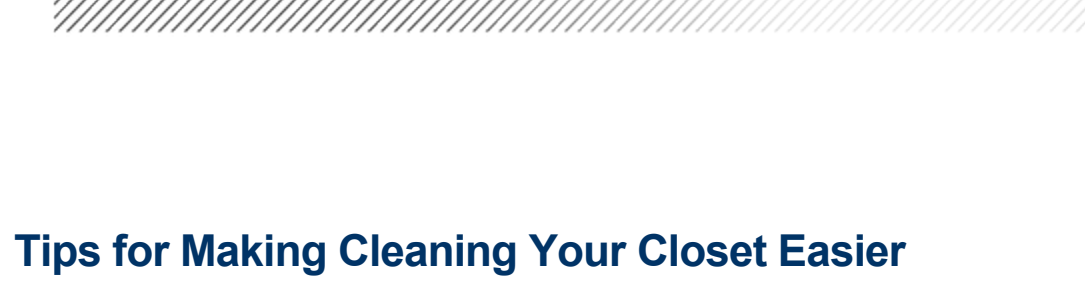
Be On the Lookout for Unemployment Identity Theft Scams

With millions of people receiving unemployment, it's no surprise that scammers are taking advantage of this situation and filing fraudulent claims for unemployment compensation. They do this by using stolen personal information of taxpayers who haven't filed unemployment claims.

If you filed for unemployment and received an incorrect Form 1099-G, make sure to contact the issuing agency to request a revised form. You can also contact the IRS and request an identity protection PIN to protect your identity when filing your federal tax return. Make sure to also educate yourself on the many signs of identity theft and take the proper steps to protect yourself.

* This information is not intended to be a substitute for specific, individualized tax advice. We suggest that you discuss your specific tax issues with a qualified tax professional.

Tip adapted from IRS.gov⁶



Tips for Making Cleaning Your Closet Easier

There's something so satisfying about cleaning out your closet, especially during this time of year. Here are some tips on how to make spring cleaning your closet a little easier.

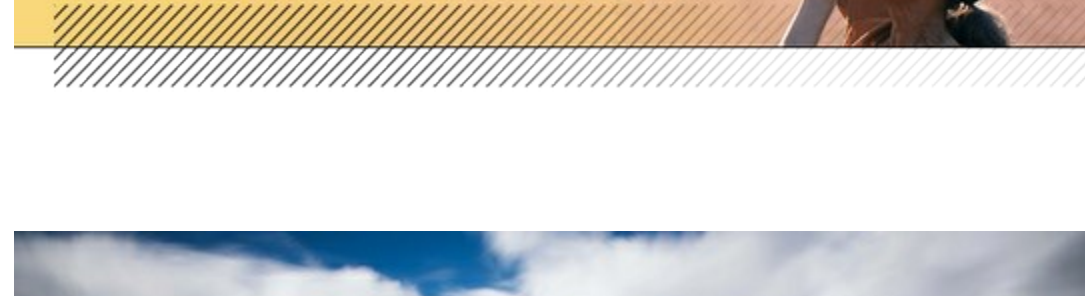
- Not sure what to keep or get rid of? Try the clothes hanger hack! Turn all your coat hangers around so they face away from you and over the course of a month or two, turn the hangers around as you wear your clothes. Then, you can see what you actually wear and clean out your closet accordingly.
- Separate your clothes by season and neatly pack away the clothes you aren't wearing right now for future use. You can use a vacuum sealer to save space. Make sure to label your storage containers or bags so you remember what's in each one.
- Save space by shopping for wardrobe accessories like shoe organizers, slimmer hangers, or necklace/scarf organizers.

Tip adapted from Who What Wear⁷



Wilson, Xavier, Yolanda, and Zach are standing in line at the market. See if you can figure out their order from these clues: Yolanda is between Wilson and Xavier, Zach is next to Wilson, and Xavier is not first.

Last week's riddle: How much dirt is in a 2-foot diameter hole that is 4 feet deep? Answer: No dirt at all. You have made a hole by digging out the dirt, so the hole is empty.



The Incan citadel of Machu Picchu, high in the Andes Mountains, Peru.

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