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Dot Mechtenberg Presents:

WEEKLY ECONOMIC UPDATE

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WEEKLY QUOTE

“A tough lesson in life that one has to learn is that not everybody wishes you well.”

- Dan Rather

WEEKLY TIP

Simplify things for your tax preparer or CPA by organizing your financial records into three categories: income statements, expenses and deductions, and investments.

WEEKLY RIDDLE

You drop a coin into a bottle through its opening. Then, you push a cork into that same bottle opening to seal the opening. How do you get the coin out of the bottle without breaking the bottle or taking out the cork?

242,000 NEW JOBS CREATED IN FEBRUARY

Hiring picked up in America last month. In reporting this sizable net job gain in the second month of the year, the Labor Department also revised December and January hiring totals upward by a total of 30,000. That means payrolls have expanded by an average of 228,000 hires over the past three months. The headline unemployment rate remained at 4.9% last month while the U-6 rate including the underemployed fell to 9.7%. A year ago, the U-6 rate was at 11.0%.¹

ISM INDICES BEAT EXPECTATIONS

The Institute for Supply Management’s manufacturing PMI rose 1.3 points in February to 49.5; its non-manufacturing PMI showed a February reading of 53.4. While the latest number on the manufacturing PMI still indicated contraction, both indices surpassed the forecasts of economists polled by MarketWatch, who expected a 48.5 reading for the manufacturing PMI and a 53.0 reading for the service sector PMI.²

PENDING HOME SALES DECLINED IN JANUARY

For 17 consecutive months, the housing contract activity index, maintained by the National Association of Realtors, has shown a year-over-year gain. January saw the index fall 2.5%, reducing the annualized advance for pending home sales to only 1.4%. Analysts surveyed by MarketWatch thought the index would rise 0.5% in January.^{2,3}

DJIA REGAINS 17,000 LEVEL

Blue chips rose for a third consecutive week. The Dow Jones Industrial Average settled at a 2-month peak of 17,006.77 Friday, up 2.20% in five days. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite respectively advanced 2.67% and 2.76% for the week; the S&P closed at 1,999.99 Friday, the NASDAQ at 4,717.02. All three major indices left correction territory Friday. Oil prices were also up for a third straight week, a first since last May. A 9.58% weekly NYMEX advance took WTI crude to a Friday close of \$35.92.⁴

THIS WEEK: The slate of releases is rather light. Monday features earnings from

Last week's riddle:
I go back and forth
constantly, but I never
go forward. What am I?

Last week's answer:
A pendulum.

Casey's General Stores, Del Taco, Shake Shack, and Urban Outfitters. On Tuesday, Dick's Sporting Goods and Navistar present earnings. Wednesday, investors assess earnings from Express, Hovnanian, Rosetta Stone, Smart & Final, and Square. Thursday will offer earnings announcements from Bon-Ton Stores, Dollar General, El Pollo Loco, Jamba, Marcus & Millichap, Stein Mart, and VeriFone in addition to the latest initial jobless claims figures. Nothing major is scheduled for Friday.

% CHANGE	Y-T-D	1-YR CHG	5-YR AVG	10-YR AVG
DJIA	-2.40	-6.02	+7.95	+5.43
NASDAQ	-5.80	-5.04	+13.88	+10.49
S&P 500	-2.15	-4.70	+10.28	+5.54
REAL YIELD	3/4 RATE	1 YR AGO	5 YRS AGO	10 YRS AGO
10 YR TIPS	0.37%	0.25%	1.00%	2.07%

Sources: wsj.com, bigcharts.com, treasury.gov - 3/4/16^{5,6,7,8}

Indices are unmanaged, do not incur fees or expenses, and cannot be invested into directly. These returns do not include dividends. 10-year TIPS real yield = projected return at maturity given expected inflation.

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