



Stocks fell last week amid concerns about artificial intelligence (AI) and a warmer-than-expected reading of wholesale inflation.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index fell 0.44 percent, while the Nasdaq Composite Index declined 0.95 percent. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 1.27 percent. The MSCI EAFE Index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, rose 1.22 percent.^{1,2}

AI Disruption

Markets began the week under pressure as investors' fears of AI disruption spread to a wide variety of industries. On Monday, a new research report circulated across trading floors, suggesting that AI could influence the broader economy and affect the unemployment rate.³

Stocks bounced back over the next two sessions as investors saw opportunity in an oversold AI trade. The relief rally included software and cybersecurity stocks, as well as AI-related technology shares more broadly. The rally gained momentum, spurred on by a prominent AI chipmaker, as investors eagerly awaited its Q4 corporate report. Investors pushed all three major averages higher over both days.⁴

But markets resumed their decline over the final two trading days of the week. The Dow Industrials fell more than the other two major averages, both on Friday and for the week. The Dow's weakness was notable given that it still leads the S&P 500 and Nasdaq year to date.⁵



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Major Index Return Summary

Name	1M TR	YTD TR	1Y TR	5Y TR
MSCI EAFE	4.57%	9.56%	32.45%	70.23%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	0.30%	3.19%	15.92%	75.98%
S&P 500	-0.49%	1.11%	17.48%	94.98%
Nasdaq Composite	-3.01%	-1.50%	20.70%	79.90%

S&P 500 Daily Close



10-Year Note Review

Indicator Name	Latest Value	1M Ago	1M Change
10 Year Treasury Rate	3.97%	4.24%	-0.37% ▼
		4.00%	-0.75% ▼
		4.29%	-7.46% ▼

Source: YCharts.com, February 28, 2026. Weekly performance is measured from Monday, February 23; to Friday, February 27. TR = total return for the index, which includes any dividends as well as any other cash distributions during the period. Treasury note yield is expressed in basis points.

Wholesale Inflation Rises

Friday's shutdown-delayed Producer Price Index (PPI) report showed that wholesale inflation rose 0.5 percent in January over the prior month. Economists expected prices to rise by 0.3 percent.⁶

PPI measures the costs for businesses, and some fear that if it costs businesses more to make a good or deliver a service, those costs might get passed on to consumers. Investor concerns often rise whenever an inflation report shows prices rising faster than the Fed's 2 percent target.

This Week: Key Economic Data

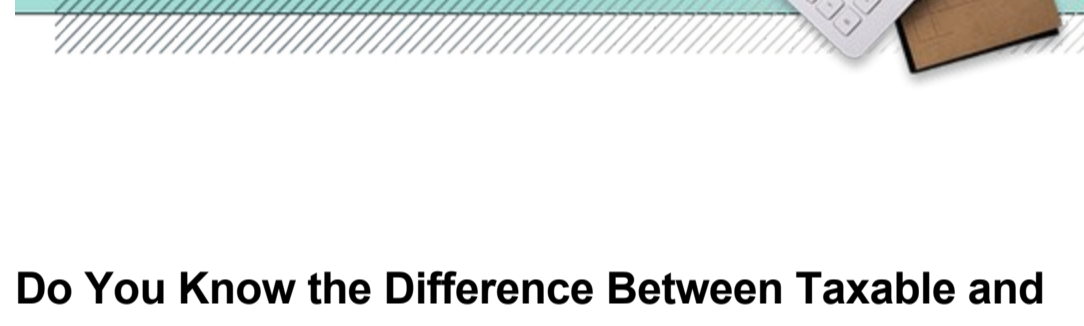
- Monday:** PMI—Manufacturing. ISM Manufacturing. Auto Sales.
- Tuesday:** Fed Presidents John Williams (New York) and Neel Kashkari (Minneapolis) speak.
- Wednesday:** ADP Employment Report. PMI—Services. ISM Services. Fed Beige Book.
- Thursday:** Weekly Jobless Claims. Q4 Productivity. Import Prices.
- Friday:** Federal Employment Report. Cleveland Fed President Beth Hammack speaks.

Source: Investors Business Daily - Econoday economic calendar; February 27, 2026. The Econoday economic calendar lists upcoming U.S. economic data releases (including key economic indicators), Federal Reserve policy meetings, and speaking engagements of Federal Reserve officials. The content is developed from sources believed to provide accurate information. The forecasts or forward-looking statements are based on assumptions and may not materialize. The forecasts are also subject to revision.

This Week: Companies Reporting Earnings

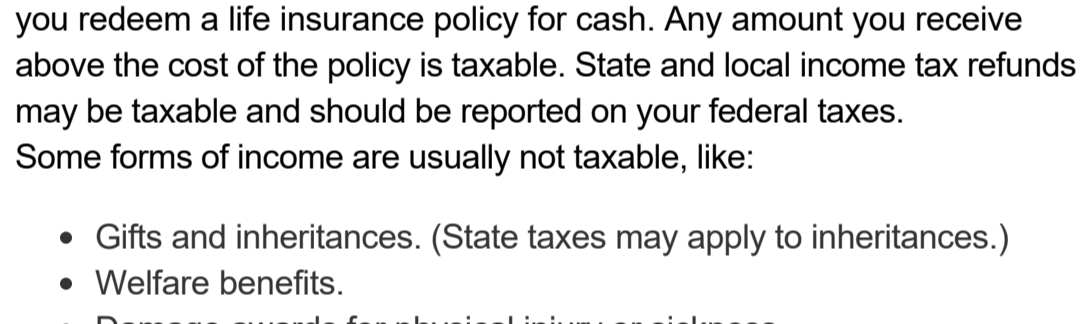
- Tuesday:** CrowdStrike (CRWD)
- Wednesday:** Broadcom Inc. (AVGO)
- Thursday:** Costco Wholesale Corporation (COST), Marvell Technology, Inc. (MRVL)

Source: Zacks, February 27, 2026. Companies mentioned are for informational purposes only. It should not be considered a solicitation for the purchase or sale of the securities. Investing involves risks, and investment decisions should be based on your goals, time horizon, and risk tolerance. The return and principal value of investments will fluctuate as market conditions change. When sold, investments may be worth more or less than their original cost. Companies may reschedule their earnings reports without notice.



"I don't believe in being serious about anything. I think life is too serious to be taken seriously."

— Ray Bradbury



Do You Know the Difference Between Taxable and Nontaxable Income?

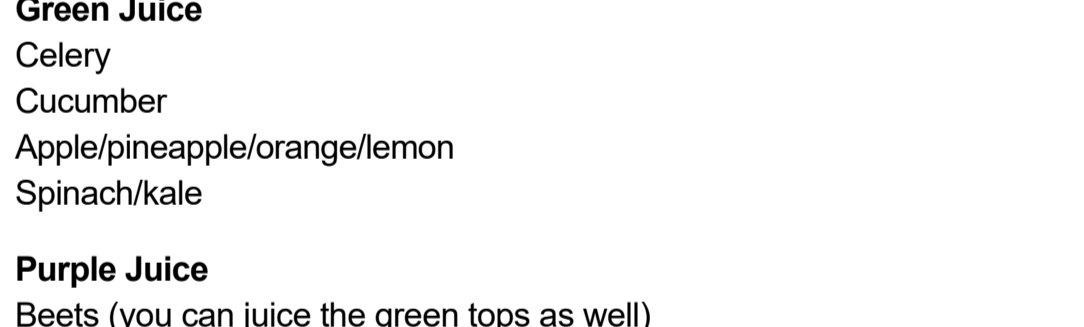
All income you receive is taxable unless the rules explicitly state it isn't. According to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), taxable income includes earned income, such as wages, as well as income from providing services or exchanging property or services. Rental income, interest, dividends, and social security benefits are all examples of taxable unearned income. Some income is only taxable if certain conditions are met. For example, life insurance proceeds are usually not taxable to the beneficiary unless you redeem a life insurance policy for cash. Any amount you receive above the cost of the policy is taxable. State and local income tax refunds may be taxable and should be reported on your federal taxes. Some forms of income are usually not taxable, like:

- Gifts and inheritances. (State taxes may apply to inheritances.)
- Welfare benefits.
- Damage awards for physical injury or sickness.
- Cash rebates from a dealer or manufacturer for an item you buy.
- Reimbursements for qualified adoption expenses.

Several factors will affect the type and availability of life insurance, including age, health, and the cost and amount of insurance purchased. Life insurance policies have exclusions, including mortality and other charges. If a policy is surrendered prematurely, the policyholder may also incur surrender charges and face income tax implications. You should consider whether you are insurable before implementing a life insurance strategy. Any guarantees associated with a policy depend on the issuing insurance company's ability to continue making claim payments.

This information is not a substitute for individualized tax advice. Please discuss your specific tax issues with a qualified tax professional.

Tip adapted from IRS.gov⁷



A Beginner's Guide to Juicing

Juicing is a fantastic way to get some extra fruits and veggies into your diet, especially on those busy days when you can't find time to make a nutritious meal. Plus, it's easy to start and reap the many benefits.

First, decide what kind of juicer you want. The two most common types are masticating and centrifugal juicers. Masticating juicers "chew" the food and are slower than centrifugal juicers. Preparing the produce for these juicers takes longer because they can juice only small pieces, but you retain more nutrients. Centrifugal juicers are slightly more affordable and use a spinning disk to extract juice. You do less produce prep, but the juice has fewer nutrients.

Next, you need to decide what to juice. You'll learn which choices combine well and veggies yield the most juice and which you'll combine fruit with others, but here are two simple recipes to get you started:

Green Juice

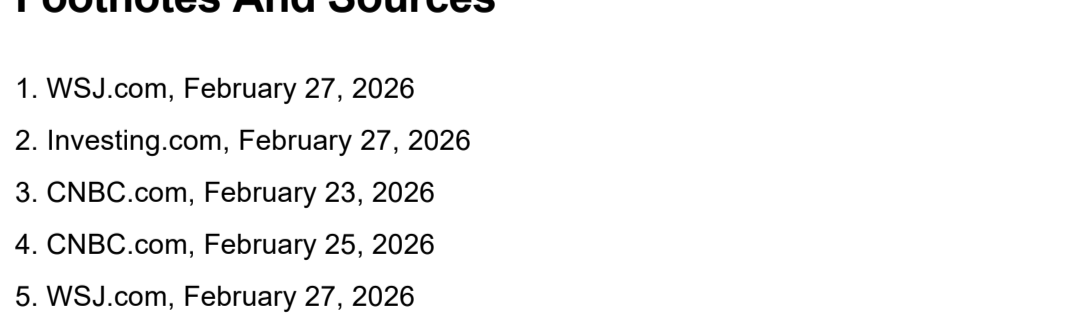
- Celery
- Cucumber
- Apple/pineapple/orange/lemon
- Spinach/kale

Purple Juice

- Beets (you can juice the green tops as well)
- Kale
- Carrots

You can add ginger, turmeric, or even garlic to give your juice extra flavor and kick.

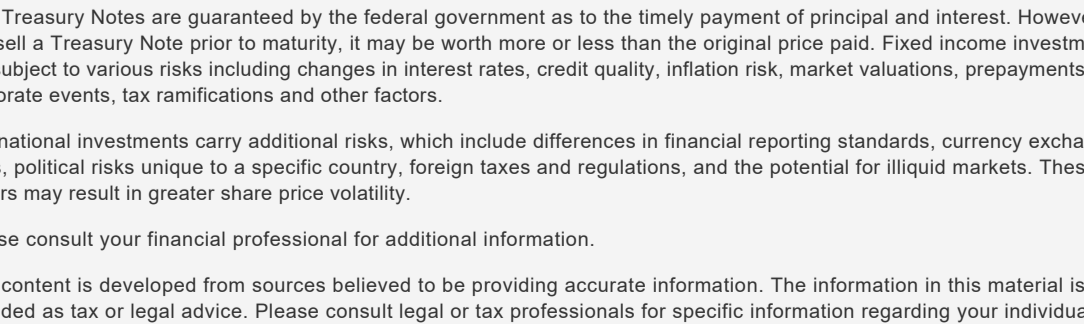
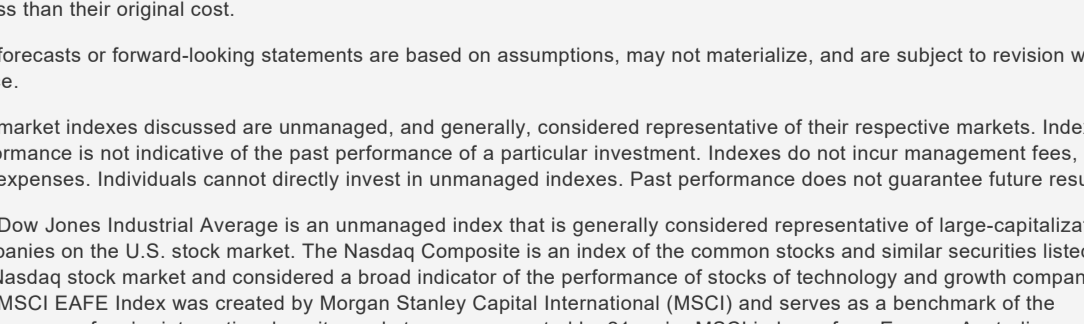
Tip adapted from Live Simply Natural⁸



All about but unseen, can be captured but can't be held, has no throat but can be heard. What is it?

Last Week's Riddle: Brothers and sisters, I have none, but this man's father is my father's son. Who am I talking about?

Answer: My son.



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