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# Closing Commentary

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The popular averages opened lower today and mostly stayed negative throughout the session as investors digested a busy week of earnings reports that featured both positive and negative surprises. The Dow Jones closed down about 181 points, a decline of 0.54%, to end a mostly down week. The Friday marking the last week in April ended with The Big Board down less than a percentage point. Market observers believe that although many companies that reported earnings this week came in above expectations, much of the market's attention was taken up with talk of possible tax and interest rate increases which dulled investor enthusiasm.

Major economic announcements for next week include motor vehicle sales on Monday, factory orders on Tuesday and the ADP employment report for April on Wednesday.

The DJIA closed near 33,874 while the S&P 500 ended the session at 4,181, down about 30 points or 0.72%. The Technology-heavy NASDAQ Composite was down 119 points to 13,962, a drop of 0.85%. NYSE volume was approximately 3.3 billion shares. The price on the 10-year U.S. Treasury Note was up 1/32, which pushed its yield down to 1.63%. Gold prices were off \$0.40 to approximately \$1768 per ounce. Crude Oil prices were down by \$1.54 to around \$63.46 a barrel.

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