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Waiting for Bernanke, stocks plod indecisively

CHRISTINA REXRODE
Associated Press

On the stock market Tuesday, it felt like late-summer inertia had already set in.

U.S. stocks wandered between the tiniest of gains and losses before closing mixed. Traders were indecisive as companies reported disparate earnings news, and many were disinclined to make any big moves before getting direction from the Federal Reserve, which is scheduled to release an updated policy statement Wednesday.

The calendar said late July, but on the stock exchange it seemed more like August, when many traders take off for vacation and fewer stocks trade hands. The Dow Jones industrial average rose as much as 72 points in early trading — less than 0.5 percent — before flickering lower. It dipped into the red for most of the afternoon and closed down 1.38 points, or 0.01 percent, at 15,520.59.

“It seems like the doldrums of summer have set in,” said Dave Abate, senior wealth adviser at Strategic Wealth Partners in Seven Hills, Ohio.

The Nasdaq composite rose 17.35 points, or 0.5 percent, to 3,616.47, though even that gain was largely because Apple, its biggest component, was up more than 1 percent.

The Standard & Poor’s 500 index plodded just a fraction higher, up 0.63 point, or 0.04 percent, to 1,685.96. Three of its industry sectors rose, led by technology stocks. Seven fell, dragged down by telecommunications companies.

Company earnings were equally inconclusive. Coach, the maker of upscale handbags, posted a 7 percent after reporting lower quarterly profit. But Goodyear Tire & Rubber jumped 9 percent after announcing that its quarterly earnings had doubled.

This earnings season has presented a picture encouraging on some fronts and troubling on others. Many companies, including big names like Apple and Visa, have posted better-than-expected results, and analysts predict that second-quarter earnings are up 4.7 percent for companies in the S&P 500, according to Capital IQ. But the picture has its blemishes, including the fact that many of the gains are based not on business growth but on cost-cutting. Revenue is down about 0.5 percent.

“There’s a little bit of swapping chairs on the deck,” Abate said.

Outside of earnings reports, traders were keeping a close eye on the Federal Reserve, which began a two-day meeting Tuesday and will release an updated policy statement Wednesday.
A building contractor who says a seductive but unsavory world of the rich and powerful in Illinois led him astray was sentenced Wednesday to just more than two years behind bars — in what was a last piece of unfinished business from the investigation of imprisoned former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Jacob Kiferbaum, 61, admitted he and others with links to Blagojevich threatened to deny state permission for Napoleonville-based Edward Hospital’s expansion to build Kiferbaum Construction into a profitable business.

Before Wednesday, Kiferbaum pleaded guilty to lying to government investigators and to attempting to detonate a device.

In court Wednesday, prosecutor Kaarina Salovaara praised Kiferbaum, saying he promptly admitted to wrongdoing after being confronted by authorities in 2004.

Defense attorneys say Kiferbaum’s cooperation was off a series of events that enabled the feds to arrest Blagojevich in 2008. The Chicago Democrat is serving a 14-year prison term in Colorado for multiple corruption convictions, including his attempts to sell President Barack Obama’s vacated Senate seat.

But the judge said Kiferbaum seemed more genuinely anguished over what he had done, accepting that Kiferbaum’s life was otherwise exemplary.

"It is, indeed, an abomination that he is here at all," Grady said.
Fla. Gov. criticizes Jesse Jackson over comments

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Gov. Rick Scott on Wednesday demanded an apology from longtime civil rights activist Jesse Jackson for comparing the state’s struggle with the Trayvon Martin case to the civil rights clashes with police during the 1960s in Selma, Ala.

Jackson joined the protest this week and during his remarks called the environment in Florida “toxic.” He linked Scott to former Alabama Gov. George Wallace by pointing out that Southern governors have “changed their minds” about their stances on civil rights. While he was governor, Wallace stood in the door at the University of Alabama to try to block the entry of two black students.

Scott said he was “outraged” by Jackson’s remarks and called for an apology from what he termed a longtime civil rights leader.

“I am outraged at his rhetoric. This is the Selma of our time,” Scott said. “We are going to do whatever it takes to protect the Second Amendment.”

Scott also criticized Jackson for labeling Florida an “apartheid state” although Jackson made that comment previously and not while he was in Tallahassee.

But Jackson — who spent Tuesday night with protesters at the state Capitol — struck by his comments Wednesday and said he wanted to change the disparities that exist in the state instead of resorting to “name calling.”

The flattery between the Republican governor and Jackson has marked one of the few reactions from Scott since a group began occupying the Capitol after George Zimmerman was acquitted on July 13 in the shooting death of Martin. Protesters have said they will not leave until Scott calls a special session to have legislators change the state’s “stand your ground” law and address other issues such as racial profiling.

Scott, who did meet once with protest leaders, has steadfastly refused to call a session. Since then, the protest has continued and attracted national media attention and earned the support of celebrities such as Harry Belafonte. During most of that time Scott has been traveling across the state.

Scott’s criticism was quickly echoed by other Republicans including newly elected legislator Mike Hill. Hill, R-Pensacola, who is the only black GOP member of the Legislature.

“When Jackson uses language that describes us as an apartheid state and compares our governor to one of history’s most notorious bigots, he is either hopelessly out of touch or purposely dishonest,” said Hill.

Jackson defended his remarks in an interview with The Associated Press, ticking off a list of conditions in the state that he said made it “apartheid-like.”

He cited the state’s voting laws, statistics on juvenile criminals and the fact that that more than 40 percent of Florida’s prison population is black while making up just 17 percent of the state’s population.

“When the gaps between blacks and whites, one sees apartheid-like conditions,” Jackson said.

But Jackson added that he doesn’t want to fight the governor, but he would prefer to work with him to change policies like the “stand your ground” law that he said “incitement” violence.

Zimmerman claimed self-defense in shooting the 17-year-old unarmed Miami teenager during a fight. Martin’s supporters say Zimmerman profiled and followed him because Martin was black. Zimmerman identifies himself as Hispanic.

Jackson cited the case of Marissa Alexander as an example of how the law has been applied unequally. Alexander, who is from Jacksonville, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for firing a bullet at a wall to scare off her husband when she felt he was threatening her. A judge refused to let her use a “stand your ground” defense.

“If he comes back to work I will talk to him face to face,” Jackson said of the governor. “I’m interested in a resolution, not a fight.”

The protest at the Capitol and organized by a group called the Dream Defenders started on July 16 and so far the state has spent more than $90,000 in overtime costs on Capitol security costs. Protesters are allowed to come and go during the day, but they must remain in a designated area in the hallways after hours.

The group this week their own mock session in the Old Capitol. They also are trying to urge 32 legislators to ask for a special session. Under Florida law, if 32 legislators make that demand, then the Department of State must poll the Legislature. If three-fifths of lawmakers agree, then a special session must be called.

Right now Republican leaders in the Florida Legislature remain opposed to a special session.

Sen. President Don Gaetz earlier this week that while he understands that some people are “frustrated” with the verdict that doesn’t mean the law should be changed.
“We were ill-prepared last year for what was about to come. Everybody was,” he said. “If we knew (the drought) was that severe, we would have done things differently as far as watering earlier.”

LeRoy Yoder, owner and partner of Echo Valley Orchard, said a number of his orchard’s crops suffered from the extreme lack.

“The biggest thing we are seeing from the drought is that it probably didn’t size the peaches last year and it didn’t size the apples because it was too hot and dry,” he said. “Having said that, we have not pulled a number of trees because they couldn’t get their root nutrients.”

Sara Lipe, the fourth generation co-owner of her family’s 40-acre orchard, Lipe Orchard, said the drought had a large impact on the trees and fruit.

“Here in Carbondale, we have maintained above average rainfall. We’ve basically had to irrigate very, very little this year and the crops look good,” he said. “Last year, about this time, things were pretty much dead; all the grass was dead along with most of our crops.”

Vick said the agriculture department has taken measures to make sure the department is prepared for another drought. He said the department spent almost $60,000 on a new irrigation system, which will upgrade irrigation efficiency and capacity.

Yoder said this year has been more successful because the amount of fruit he grows has increased and his trees are producing new fruit at a quicker pace. He said while his orchard is producing a larger amount of fruit this year, the effects of last year can still be seen, such as a variation in the number of usable fruits.

Yoder said he is also increasing the amount of irrigation for his plants in order to prepare for another drought in the coming years. Lipe said this year has also shown an increase in the number and quality of fruit at her family’s orchard.

“The fruit is much larger, it’s juicier and the trees are healthy,” she said. “Things don’t look stressed like they’re struggling to survive.”

The Daily Egyptian contacted Greeneville Farm several times by phone for comment to follow up with them, but did not receive a response by press time Wednesday.

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1. person

2. apiece

3. Leftover to

9. Ice-cream treat

10. Compt

15. It a — instantly

16. Vase-shaped pitcher

17. Singer Steer

18. Indy 500 car

19. Enlarge a hole

20. Poverty

22. Singer/pianist Nelson

23. Get just one’s first wet

24. Writer Fleming

26. Wine decanter

27. Mousse & cake

28. Open-side

35. Nuts and —

36. Verizon product

38. Spies

39. Enormous

40. Frozen water

41. Tattletales

42. Became furious

43. — to say;

44. Obviously

45. Crouches in fear

46. Trot

47. — up; absorb

48. Noble

49. —

50. Smooth-skinned peach

51. Lonely

52. Swallow

53. British; — UK

54. Aegian & Red

55. Squirty, reager

56. Set — isolate

57. Chopped meal dish

58. Likelihood

59. Redgrave’s namesakes

60. Bread for a Reuben

**Down**

1. Vigor

2. Fair; balanced

3. Ceremony

4. Take long steps

5. Huge lifting machine

6. Asian staple

7. Makes a hole in one

8. Keeps at it

9. Calm

10. Had debts

11. No longer alive

12. Fighting force

13. Facing away from the wind

14. Lobster

15. Pap animal

16. Forest home

17. “Blue Down”

18. Ms. Zelweger

20. Landing places

30. SHOES

31. Chest coloring

32. Striped cat

33. Toboggans

35. Does not allow

38. Occurring every 2 years

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41. Upper

42. Lion’s cry

44. Male ducks

45. Shorelines

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48. Bullets

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50. Geek

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53. Hatfields or McCays

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**Pisces — Today is a 7** — If it gets uncomfortable or confrontational, you must be pushing your boundaries. Ask a female friend. You’re gaining skills. Don’t touch savings or go shopping.
Extreme problem solving

Saluki golfers qualify for U.S. Amateur

TYLER DIXON Daily Egyptian

Two SIU golfers have qualified for the 2013 U.S. Amateur Championship that will take place in August in Brookline, Mass.

Saluki golfer Drew Novara and incoming recruit Steve Souchek qualified to compete in the prestigious tournament, which will be held at The Country Club from Aug. 12-18. According to the U.S. Amateur website, this is the 113th U.S. Amateur Championship and is the oldest golf championship in the country. Golfers such as Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods have won the competition.

Novara, a sophomore from Murphysboro studying exercise science, qualified July 25 at Weibring Golf Club at Illinois State University in Bloomington.

Novara played in seven of 12 tournaments his freshman year and had a scoring average of 77 during his first season as a Saluki.

Novara said he was proud when he realized that he had qualified. He shot a 140 over two rounds to qualify and won the qualifier by two shots.

In preparing for the amateur, Novara said he needs to focus on his mental game.

"In order to be successful in the amateur, I need to continue to stay in a good mind set," Novara said.

Novara said there is some pressure on him with being a local because anytime he is off campus, people still recognize him.

"There's going to be pressure with everything you do, so it's something you kind of have to deal with," Novara said.

Novara's roommate for the upcoming season and former John A. Logan College golfer Souchek also qualified for the amateur.

Souchek, a junior from Columbia studying business management, qualified July 19 in a tournament at Norwood Hills Country Club in St. Louis.

Souchek shot a 142, which was par for the course.

Souchek was a standout at John A. Logan the past two seasons, being named an all-american and all-region performer twice each.

Souchek said the first thing that went through his mind when he realized he qualified was relief.

He said he had been in some tournaments where he faltered on the second day and wasn't able to close the tournament.

Souchek said he is excited to be able to compete in the tournament with Novara.

"It's going to be a blast," he said.

"It's really cool saying that I qualified for the U.S. Amateur, and then being able to say my roommate and teammate did, too."

Souchek said he has high hopes for the Salukis this season.

"We have two players who qualified for our national amateur," he said. That kind of shows we're going to be pretty good."

Head coach Leroy Newton could not be reached for comment before press time Wednesday.

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Andrew Novara 70-70-140 Steve Souchek 68-74-142
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Carbondale
Alex Burge 70-72-142 Arkansas State University
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Tanner Bulejski 73-69-142 The Country Club
Eric Meier 72-70-142 Rockhurst University
Illinois State University graduate
Trevor Timm, left, a senior from Mt. Carroll studying microbiology, and Jessica Fort, a graduate student in wildlife conservation from North Carolina, scale the climbing wall July 24 at the Recreation Center. Timm, who has been climbing for five months and works at the climbing wall, said he took the job so he could start devoting some time to the sport. "The initial thing that interested me was you have to use your whole body and it's a lot of thinking," he said. "It's not so much an exercise as it is trying to solve a problem. You have to move your body a certain way to get up the wall."

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