

# New Stock Market Milestone: Dow Closes Above 15,000

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NEW YORK — Just two months after recovering the last of its losses from the financial crisis, the Dow Jones industrial average punched through another milestone Tuesday, closing above 15,000 for the first time.

Good economic reports, strong corporate earnings and fresh support from central banks helped ease investor concerns about another economic slowdown. Many had been on the lookout for signs that a spring swoon would derail the rally, as happened in each of the past three years.

Instead, the Dow continued its epic as-

cent of 2013, which has seen it climb 1,952 points — almost 15 percent — since Jan. 1.

“The thing that’s been driving stocks is rising confidence,” said James Paulsen, chief investment strategist at Wells Capital Management. “Economic growth, job creation and the housing market have been better than expected.”

The Dow closed at 15,056.20, up 87.31 points, or 0.6 percent. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index added 8.46 points to 1,625.96, a gain of 0.5 percent. It has jumped 199 points this year, or 14 percent.

Both indexes reached all-time highs earlier this year, then kept rising, largely driven by optimism that the U.S. econ-

omy will continue gaining strength.

“We don’t think people are giving enough credit to the strength of the economy,” said Ryan Detrick, a senior technical strategist at Schaeffer’s Investment Research. “We still like the market.”

The latest record close extends the stock market’s comeback from the depths of the 2008 financial crisis. Six years have passed since the Dow closed above 14,000 for the first time.

The S&P has climbed higher for six straight months — the longest stretch of gains since a seven-month run that started in March 2009, when the market hit a financial crisis low, and ended in October 2009.

All 10 industries in the S&P 500 have

joined in the rally. Health-care companies have led the way, up 19 percent.

The Dow, S&P 500 and Russell 2000 index of small companies are all at record highs. The sole exception is the tech-heavy Nasdaq, which remains far below the peaks it scaled in the dot-com bubble.

Tuesday’s gains piled up with the growing realization among investors that the traditional threats to a rising market — higher interest rates, falling profits, a possible recession — are unlikely to appear anytime soon. What’s more, with interest rates near record lows, they see few other places to put their money.

In a round of interviews on Monday, investor Warren Buffett said the stock

market looked “reasonably priced” even after its surge. But, Buffett added, people pay too much attention to markets reaching new highs. They ought to pay attention when markets hit new lows.

“That’s when stocks are getting cheaper,” Buffett told CNBC. “That’s when stocks are going on sale. But people do get more excited when they see new highs.”

More than 400 of the S&P 500 companies have turned in first-quarter results, and more than seven out of 10 have beaten Wall Street’s earnings expectations, according to S&P Capital IQ. Those analysts estimate that earnings increased 5 percent in the first quarter and will pick up their pace through the rest of the year.

## Syria Has Limited Options In Response To Israel

BEIRUT (AP) — The Syrian regime on Tuesday dispatched an obscure proxy, a Damascus-based Palestinian militant group, to threaten retaliation for two Israeli airstrikes over the weekend.

The relatively tepid response to Israel’s breach of Syrian sovereignty highlighted Syrian President Bashar Assad’s limited options as he, along with allies Iran and Lebanon’s Hezbollah, is bogged down at home in a fight for survival against armed rebels.

Assad and visiting Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi denounced Israel on Tuesday, but stopped short of promising retaliation.

Commenting on the airstrikes for the first time, Assad said Syria is “capable of facing Israel’s ventures” while Salehi said “it’s high time to deter the Israeli occupation” from launching more attacks.

The airstrikes, which Israeli officials say targeted advanced Iranian missiles intended for Hezbollah, marked a sharp escalation of Israel’s involvement in the Syrian civil war.

They also raised fears that a conflict that has repeatedly spilled over Syria’s borders in the past 26 months could turn into a full-fledged regional war.

Assad’s regime might be reluctant to open a new front against Israel with his army already stretched thin in the deadlocked fight with the rebels, but he has a history of operating through proxies such as Hezbollah. One Iranian official hinted the Islamic militant group might take the lead.

## Theater Shootings Suspect To Plead Not Guilty

DENVER (AP) — The man accused in the deadly Colorado theater shootings wants to change his plea to not guilty by reason of insanity, his lawyers said Tuesday.

Attorneys for James Holmes said in a court filing they plan to formally ask for the change of plea at a May 13 hearing.

A judge in the case previously entered a standard not guilty plea for the 25-year-old Holmes. If the judge accepts the new plea, Holmes would be sent to the state mental hospital, where doctors would determine whether he was insane at the time of the July 20 shootings.

If the doctors do determine that Holmes was insane, a jury could still find him guilty.

Colorado law defines insanity as the inability to distinguish right from wrong, caused by a diseased or defective mind. The law specifically excludes depravity, “moral obliquity” or passion caused by anger or hatred from being considered insanity.

# Police Facing Questions In 3 Women’s Ohio Rescue

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CLEVELAND — One neighbor says a naked woman was seen crawling on her hands and knees in the backyard of the house a few years ago. Another heard pounding on the home’s doors and noticed plastic bags over the windows.

Both times, police showed up but never went inside, neighbors say. Police also paid a visit to the house in 2004, but no one answered the door.

Now, after three women who vanished a decade ago were found captive Monday at the run-down house, Cleveland police are facing questions for the second time in four years about their handling of missing-person cases and are conducting an internal review to see if they overlooked anything.

City Safety Director Martin Flask said Tuesday that investigators had no record of anyone calling about criminal activity at the house but were still checking police, fire and emergency databases.

The three women were rescued after one of them kicked out the bottom portion of a locked screen door and used a neighbor’s telephone to call 911.

“Help me. I’m Amanda Berry,” she breathlessly told a dispatcher in a call that exhilarated and astonished much of the city. “I’ve been kidnapped, and I’ve been missing for 10 years and I’m, I’m here, I’m free now.”

Berry, 27, Michelle Knight, 32, and Gina DeJesus, about 23, had apparently been held captive in the house since their teens or early 20s,

## Lost decade

Three young Cleveland women who have been missing for about 10 years — Amanda Berry, Gina DeJesus and Michelle Knight — have been found alive. They apparently had been kidnapped by three brothers.



### Missing women’s history

- 1 Berry, now 27, last seen here in 2003
- 2 DeJesus, now 23, last seen here in 2004

- 3 Knight, now 32, last seen here in 2002
- 4 Women found in house on Seymour Ave.

Source: Cleveland Plain Dealer, ESRI

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police Chief Michael McGrath said.

Three brothers, ages 50 to 54, were arrested. One of them, former school bus driver Ariel Castro, owned the home, situated in a poor neighborhood dotted with boarded-up houses just south of downtown. No charges were filed.

A relative of the three brothers

said their family was “totally shocked” after hearing about the missing women being found at the home.

Juan Alicea said the arrests of his wife’s brothers had left relatives “as blindsided as anyone else” in their community. He said he hadn’t been to the home of his brother-in-law

Ariel Castro since the early 1990s but had eaten dinner with Castro at a different brother’s house shortly before the arrests were made Monday.

A 6-year-old girl believed to be Berry’s daughter also was found in the home, police Deputy Chief Ed Tomba said. He would not say who the father was.

The women were reported by police to be in good health and were reunited with joyous family members but remained in seclusion.

“Prayers have finally been answered. The nightmare is over,” said Stephen Anthony, head of the FBI in Cleveland. “These three young ladies have provided us with the ultimate definition of survival and perseverance. The healing can now begin.”

He added: “Words can’t describe the emotions being felt by all. Yes, law enforcement professionals do cry.”

Police would not say how the women were taken captive or how they were hidden in the neighborhood where they had vanished. Investigators also would not say whether they were kept in restraints inside the house or sexually assaulted.

Four years ago, in another poverty-stricken part of town, police were heavily criticized following the discovery of 11 women’s bodies in the home and backyard of Anthony Sowell, who was later convicted of murder and sentenced to death.

The families of Sowell’s victims accused police of failing to properly investigate the disappearances because most of the women were addicted to drugs and poor. For months, the stench of death hung over the house, but it was blamed on a sausage factory next door.

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### HARVEST OF THE MONTH

## BERRIES

Use the code!

☒ = A  
☐ = B  
☒ = C  
☐ = E  
☐ = I  
☐ = N  
☒ = O  
☐ = R  
☒ = S

**Did you know...**

- Blackberries and raspberries are members of this flower’s family: ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐.
- Blueberries are related to ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐.

### BANANA BERRY SMOOTHIE

Peel ½ banana and put into a blender.

Add ½ cup low-fat milk and ½ cup orange juice.

Add 1 cup fresh or frozen berries.

Blend until smooth. Pour into a cup and sip!

### Knott Your Average Berry

Replace the missing words.

COMBINATION FAMOUS  
NAMED FARMER  
PARK GREW

The boysenberry is a hybrid — a berry created by a \_\_\_\_\_ of blackberry, raspberry and loganberry. A named Rudolph Boysen created them in Northern California in the 1920s, but it was Walter Knott who \_\_\_\_\_ them and made them \_\_\_\_\_. Knott’s Berry Farm eventually \_\_\_\_\_ from a small roadside stand selling boysenberry preserves to a major theme \_\_\_\_\_ in Buena Park, California.

### Berry Survey

Ginnie asked each student in her class, “Which kind of berry do you like the best?”

Read the results of her Berry Survey. Then complete the graph by coloring in the correct number of bars at right.

Blueberry - 9

Raspberry - 5

Blackberry - 7

Strawberry - 8

Put this berry back in the basket.

blueberry raspberry blackberry strawberry

Extra! Extra! Food Fractions

Use a recipe to practice fractions. Find a recipe in the newspaper and double it, halve it, triple it! If there isn’t a recipe in the newspaper, use a cook book.

Standards Link: Numbers Base 10; Understand fractions as numbers.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Cranberry fields are flooded with fresh water to create a bog. A special machine knocks the cranberries off the vine and they float to the water’s surface ready for harvesting. Cranberries harvested in this way are used to make juice and sauce.

Circle every other letter to discover a way to tell when cranberries are ready for harvesting.

**RBIGPNEKCYRGATNVBKE  
WVRVJIDEQSPWGIHLCL  
LKBDOXUBNHCKE**

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week’s Kid Scoop stories and activities.

RASPBERRY  
PIGMENTS  
BERRIES  
HARVEST  
HYBRID  
BOYSEN  
FROZEN  
FAMOUS  
KNOTT  
STAND  
COLOR  
FRESH  
CLASS  
WILD

S S A L C H A R R V  
T S E V R A H E A S  
A S T I C O F D S T  
N E Z O R F I L P N  
D T L H T R E I B E  
M O O T B N E W E M  
R B O Y S E N B R G  
T N H F R E S H R I  
K S U O M A F H Y P

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

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Choose a newspaper article and cross out the nouns, adjectives and verbs. Then, ask a friend to give you new words to replace the ones you crossed out. Read the article aloud using the new words. Is it *berry* funny?

Standards Link: Language: Understand the functions of nouns, adjectives and verbs.

### Write On!

Send your story to:

Press & Dakotan  
C/o Noelle Schlechter  
319 Walnut Street  
Yankton, SD 57078  
605-665-7811, ext 112

### Talking Rock

One day I was walking down the lane and suddenly a voice called out to me. It was coming from a rock and it ...

Finish this story.

Deadline: June 2 Published: Week of June 30  
Please include your school and grade.

### Weekly Writing Corner

## The Magic Berry

I found a ripe berry hanging on a bush. Just as I was about to pick it, it started talking to me ...

I screamed and ran. Then I noticed that it didn’t move. I walked back up to it, and it talked again. It was freaky. I picked the magical berry up, and there was a little person on it. The person was crying because she was lost. So I returned her to her home.

Alexis, 5th grade

One day I bent down to pick a berry off a bush. It started talking to me. First I was so surprised that he was on the Barcelona soccer team. Then he told me to come to his soccer game next week. Finally, I came to his game and he was playing against Mexico. Barcelona won. I felt so proud about my little berry. I was cheering for Messi, Go Barcelona! I felt so happy about my cool, soccer-playing berry.

Faby, 2nd grade

One day I found a ripe berry hanging on a bush. Just as I was about to pick it, it started to talk. “Eat me please, please, please!” I started to run, but every berry started to talk to me. “Eat me please. I’m ripe,” said the berry. Suddenly a family of bears came out of the forest. They ate the screaming berries one by one. Either I’m crazy, or fruit can talk. My sister assumed the first choice.

Cole, 4th grade

I found a ripe berry hanging on a bush. Just as I was about to pick it up, it started to talk to me. It said, “Please don’t eat me, so I decided not to pick it.”

Alexandra, 2nd grade

“Please don’t eat me,” it said. “I know how to sing a little bit.” I thought about it and said okay. It sang, “Blueberries are very nice so please don’t eat me, I’ll be grateful.” It was great and so I let it go.

Lizabeth, 4th grade