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BUSINESS

VALLEY STOCKS

Dow Jones Industrials
Close: 33,714.71
Change: -12.72 (flat)

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Nasdaq composite
Close: 13,335.78
Change: -156.74 (-1.2%)

STOCKS RECAP

	NYSE	NASD		HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	%YTD
DOW			DOW	33,819.49	33,610.32	33,714.71	-12.72	-0.04%	+1.71%
DOW Trans.			DOW Trans.	14,952.15	14,681.23	14,891.43	+203.56	+1.39%	+11.20%
DOW Util.			DOW Util.	912.74	899.16	908.03	+5.57	+0.62%	-6.14%
NYSE Comp.			NYSE Comp.	15,563.41	15,469.35	15,518.74	+49.39	+0.32%	+2.20%
NASDAQ			NASDAQ	13,573.57	13,334.42	13,335.78	-156.74	-1.16%	+27.41%
S&P 500			S&P 500	4,361.93	4,328.08	4,328.82	-19.51	-0.45%	+12.74%
S&P 400			S&P 400	2,547.18	2,514.94	2,534.51	+19.57	+0.78%	+4.28%
Wilshire 5000			Wilshire 5000	43,938.56	43,606.32	43,611.61	-154.20	-0.35%	+14.54%
Russell 2000			Russell 2000	1,841.06	1,819.80	1,823.26	+1.63	+0.09%	+3.52%

LOCAL MARKET MOVERS

Home Depot 307.89 ▲ +7.08/+2.4%	ProPhase Labs 7.15 ▼ -19/-2.6%
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STOCK	TICKER	52-WK RANGE		CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	%WK	3Mo	YTD %CHG	12Mo %CHG	Volume (00s)	P/E	DIV	YLD
Air Products	APD	218.88	328.56	286.39	+13	...	...	+16.20	-71	+22.3	7211	28	7.00	2.4
Alphabet Inc C	GOOG	83.45	129.55	119.09	-3.93	-3.2	-3.2	+16.03	+34.2	+8.2	231260	26	...	...
Alphabet Inc A	GOOGL	83.34	129.04	118.34	-4.00	-3.3	-3.3	+15.88	+34.1	+8.1	337750	26	...	...
Amazon.com	AMZN	81.43	146.57	127.33	-2.00	-1.5	-1.5	...	+51.6	+14.6	598459	...	...	...
Apple Inc	AAPL	124.17	187.56	185.27	-1.41	-0.8	-0.8	+26.99	+42.6	+36.6	479400	31	.96	.5
ADP	ADP	201.46	274.92	215.54	+1.71	+0.8	+0.8	+1.18	+9.8	+8.7	11696	28	7.00	3.2
Boston Beer Co.	SAM	298.36	422.75	319.22	+6.52	+2.1	+2.1	-8.29	-3.1	+3.0	1580	59	...	...
Cedar Fair LP	FUN	37.58	47.95	40.40	+4.1	+1.0	+1.0	-4.27	-2.3	+7.2	1295	9	1.20	3.0
Cross America Ptrs	CAPL	17.91	23.20	19.33	-1.7	-0.9	-0.9	-1.15	-2.5	+7.8	231	13	2.10	10.9
FedEx Corp.	FDX	141.92	248.15	234.93	+2.59	+1.1	+1.1	+15.11	+35.6	+4.3	22054	15	4.60	2.0
FirstEnergy Corp.	FE	35.60	43.31	38.77	+0.28	+0.7	+0.7	-0.26	-7.6	+12.6	34104	55	1.56	4.0
Freshpet Inc	FRPT	36.02	73.48	62.32	+4.7	+0.8	+0.8	-0.69	+18.1	+17.7	5024	...	...	...
Fulton Financial	FULT	9.64	18.91	12.03	+0.03	+0.3	+0.3	-2.02	-28.5	-9.2	9868	7	.60	5.0
Home Depot	HD	265.61	347.25	307.89	+7.08	+2.4	+2.4	+26.62	-2.5	+14.9	44372	18	8.36	2.7
Merck & Co.	MRK	84.52	119.65	113.08	-1.52	-1.3	-1.3	+6.15	+1.9	+30.8	76770	20	2.92	2.6
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	213.43	351.47	328.60	-6.42	-1.9	-1.9	+52.22	+37.0	+32.8	214652	37	2.72	.8
Nvidia Corporation	NVDA	108.13	439.90	406.32	-15.77	-3.7	-3.7	+141.01	+178.0	+163.2	590163	.16	...	...
OraSure Tech	OSUR	2.65	7.82	4.99	-1.2	-2.3	-2.3	-.84	+3.5	+88.3	4100	...	...	...
PNC Financial	PNC	110.31	176.34	123.73	+0.70	+0.6	+0.6	-1.29	-21.7	-17.4	20298	8	6.00	4.8
PPL Corp.	PPL	23.47	31.74	26.53	+1.5	+0.6	+0.6	-.43	-9.2	+5.7	50349	25	.96	3.6
ProPhase Labs	PRPH	6.60	15.25	7.15	-1.9	-2.6	-2.6	-1.01	-25.8	-34.9	414	7	.60	...
Sanofi	SNY	36.91	57.82	53.48	+1.8	+0.3	+0.3	+0.26	+10.4	+10.6	9344	19	1.37	2.5
Tesla Inc	TSLA	101.81	314.67	241.05	-15.55	-6.1	-6.1	+49.24	+95.7	+9.9	1784869	71	...	...
Truist Financial Cp	TFC	25.56	52.22	30.09	+0.09	+0.3	+0.3	-2.99	-30.1	-30.8	113953	7	2.08	6.9
UPS class B	UPS	154.87	209.39	172.75	+3.46	+2.0	+2.0	-14.57	-6	+9	37627	13	6.48	3.8
Univest Financial	UVSP	16.11	29.06	18.31	-0.20	-1.1	-1.1	-5.75	-29.9	-22.9	815	7	.84	4.6
Walmart Stores	WMT	119.89	158.23	155.05	-.41	-0.3	-0.3	+10.88	+9.4	+30.9	47011	36	2.28	1.5
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	29.48	42.74	31.59	+1.9	+0.6	+0.6	-1.35	-15.4	-17.2	114928	6	1.92	6.1
Weis Mkts	WMK	58.75	95.57	63.39	-1.24	-1.9	-1.9	-20.56	-23.0	-9.8	2401	14	1.36	2.1
Wells Fargo & Co.	WFC	35.25	48.84	40.59	-0.02	...	...	+3.12	-1.7	+9.5	136178	12	1.20	3.0

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.



Workers stand by a container to collect oil spill waste Friday in Ogoniland, Nigeria, in this image taken from video. The spill from the Trans-Niger Pipeline operated by Shell began June 11. AP

Oil spill from Shell pipeline fouls farms, river in Nigeria

By Taiwo Adebayo
Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria — A new oil spill at a Shell facility in Nigeria has contaminated farmland and a river, upending livelihoods in the fishing and farming communities in part of the Niger Delta, which has long endured environmental pollution caused by the oil industry.

The National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency, or NOSDRA, said the spill came from the Trans-Niger Pipeline operated by Shell that crosses through communities in the Eleme area of Ogoniland, a region where the London-based energy giant has faced decadeslong local pushback to its oil exploration.

The volume of oil spilled has not been determined, but activists have published images of polluted farmland, water surfaces blighted by oil sheens and dead fish mired in crude.

While spills are frequent in the region due to vandalism from thieves and a lack of maintenance to pipelines, according to the U.N. Environmental Program, activists call this a “major one.”

It is “one of the worst in the last 16 years in

Ogoniland,” said Fyने-face Dumnamene, an environmental activist whose nonprofit monitors spills in the region. It began June 11.

“It lasted for over a week, bursts into Okulu River — which adjoins other rivers and ultimately empties into the Atlantic Ocean — and affects several communities and displaces more than 300 fishers,” said Dumnamene of the Youths and Environmental Advocacy Centre.

He said tides have sent oil sheens about 6 miles farther to creeks near the nation’s oil business capital, Port Harcourt.

Shell stopped production in Ogoniland more than 20 years ago amid unrest from residents protesting environmental damage, but the Trans-Niger Pipeline still sends crude from oil fields in other areas through the region to export terminals.

The leak has been contained, but treating the fallout from the spill at farms and the Okulu River, which runs through communities, has stalled, NOSDRA Director-General Idris Musa said.

“Response has been delayed,” Musa said, blaming protesting residents.

“But engagement is going on.”

The apparent deadlock stems from mistrust and past grievances in the oil-abundant Niger Delta region, which is mostly home to minority ethnic groups who accuse the Nigerian government of marginalization.

Africa’s largest economy overwhelmingly depends on the Niger Delta’s oil resources for its earnings, but pollution from that production has denied residents access to clean water, hurt farming and fishing, and heightened the risk of violence, activists say.

Often oil companies blame pipeline vandalism by oil thieves or aggrieved young people in affected communities for spills, which could allow the companies to avoid liability.

London-based Shell said it is working with a joint investigatory team consisting of regulators, Ogoniland residents and local authorities, to identify the cause and impact of the spill.

NOSDRA confirmed the joint investigation, but a cause of the spill — whether sabotage or equipment failure — has not yet been revealed.

Survey: Beekeepers lost 48% of colonies over the last year

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — America’s honeybee hives just staggered through the second-highest death rate on record, with beekeepers losing nearly half of their managed colonies, an annual bee survey found.

But using costly and Herculean measures to create new colonies, beekeepers are somehow keeping afloat.

Last week’s University of Maryland and Auburn University survey found that even though 48% of colonies were lost in the year that ended April 1, the number of U.S. honeybee colonies “remained relatively stable.”

Honeybees are crucial to the food supply, pollinating more than 100 of the crops we eat, including nuts, vegetables, berries, citrus and

melons. Scientists said a combination of parasites, pesticides, starvation and climate change keep causing large die-offs.

The 48% loss is up from the previous year’s loss of 39% and the 12-year average of 39.6%, but it’s not as high as the 50.8% mortality rate in 2020-2021, according to the survey funded and administered by the nonprofit research group Bee Informed Partnership.

Beekeepers told the surveying scientists that 21% loss over the winter is acceptable and more than three-fifths of beekeepers surveyed said their losses were higher than that.

“This is a very troubling loss number when we barely manage sufficient colonies to meet pollination demands in the U.S.,” said former government bee scientist Jeff Pettis, presi-



A bee colony is visible at a hive last week in the backyard of University of Maryland researcher Nathalie Steinhauer in College Park, Maryland. JULIO CORTEZ/AP

dent of the global beekeeper association Apimondia that wasn’t part of the study.

“It also highlights the hard work that beekeepers must do to rebuild their colony numbers each year.”

The overall bee colony population is relatively steady because commercial

beekeepers split and restock their hives, finding or buying new queens, or even starter packs for colonies, said University of Maryland bee researcher Nathalie Steinhauer, the survey’s lead author. It’s an expensive and time-consuming process.

The prognosis is not as

bad as 15 years ago because beekeepers have learned how to rebound from big losses, she said.

“The situation is not really getting worse, but it’s also not really getting better,” Steinhauer said. “It is not a bee apocalypse.”

Despite big annual losses the situation is a far cry from 2007 when many bee experts expected an end to managed pollination, said U.S. Department Agriculture research entomologist Jay Evans, who wasn’t part of the survey.

Some commercial beekeepers who have succeeded in the past lost as much as 80% of their colonies this past year, while other beekeepers did well, it varied so much, Evans said.

Pettis, who has 150 colonies on Maryland’s Eastern shore, had less than 18% loss, saying he used organic acids

for mite control.

The parasitic mite Varroa destructor that helps transmit viruses is the chief culprit, but bad weather and queen issues were also big problems in the past year, Steinhauer said. Pesticides also make things worse because it makes bees more vulnerable to diseases and less likely to seek food, she said.

The mite Varroa is a flat creature that crawls on the bee, Evans said. The mite seems to make it easier for viruses to attack and kill bees, Steinhauer said.

It used to take large amounts of Varroa, such as in 60% of a colony, to cause virus problems, but now even small infestations at 1% or 2% in a colony can cause massive problems, Steinhauer said.

“We are fighting this evolving enemy,” Steinhauer said.

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- Monday: free for Seniors. Enjoy the free Senior Expo, from 12 - 4 pm at the Fair.

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