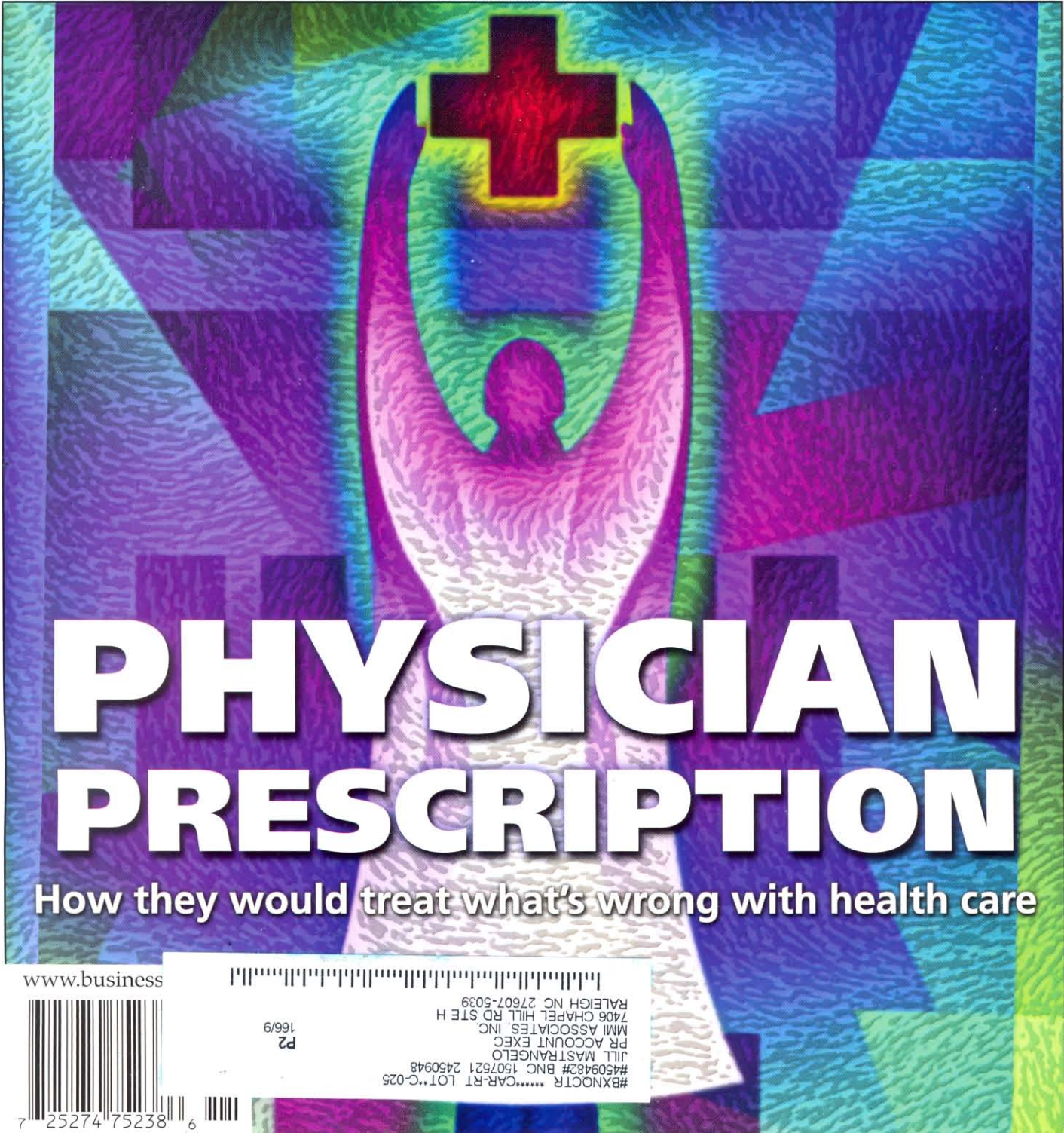


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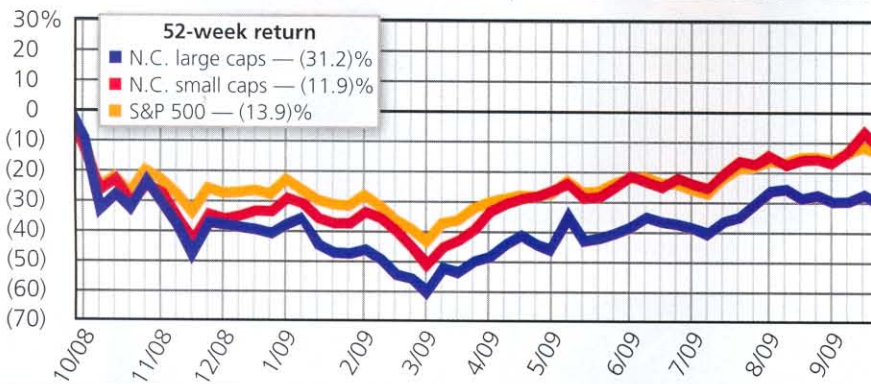
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Shares of Salix Pharmaceuticals jumped more than 50% the day it announced positive results in a late-stage clinical trial.



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HIGHEST PRICE/EARNINGS RATIOS

LOWEST PRICE/EARNINGS RATIOS

Company	P/E ratio ³	9/25/09 price	52-week range
Highwoods Properties	213.64	\$29.91	\$14.65-36.75
Investors Title	116.96	32.75	17.14-44.89
Cree	102.79	34.95	12.57-38.97
Red Hat	67.80	27.80	7.50-28.68
Crescent Financial	62.71	4.39	2.80-6.59
Bank of America	46.11	16.60	2.53-38.50
Hanesbrands	42.73	20.94	5.14-23.48
MedCath	34.12	8.87	5.70-19.70
First Citizens BancShares	33.33	151.00	73.48-179.09
Martin Marietta Materials	32.17	93.29	58.62-114.55

Company	P/E ratio ³	9/25/09 price	52-week range
Alliance One International	2.97	\$4.39	\$1.97-5.71
Cornerstone Therapeutics	3.17	6.81	0.13-12.29
The Pantry	5.24	16.14	13.31-25.97
Air T	5.42	9.32	5.33-9.90
Carolina Trust Bank	5.90	30.41	13.92-51.00
First Bancorp	6.14	18.17	6.87-19.00
Xerium Technologies	6.14	1.29	0.30-6.96
Trimeris	6.85	2.67	0.84-5.20
Kewaunee Scientific	8.02	13.64	6.50-14.44
Hatteras Financial	8.05	32.62	15.74-33.59

Company	3-month change ⁴	52-week change	52-week range
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TOP 10 LARGE-CAP STOCKS

Salix Pharmaceuticals	103.0%	210.6%	\$5.07-21.34
Red Hat	39.9	69.4	7.50-28.68
RF Micro Devices	36.0	69.0	0.70-5.85
Carlisle	35.4	6.2	16.60-34.88
Hanesbrands	35.1	(8.9)	5.14-23.48
Highwoods Properties	32.8	(18.5)	14.65-36.75
Bank of America	30.2	(54.8)	2.53-38.50
SPX	29.8	(25.0)	25.45-85.68
VF	26.3	(12.4)	38.22-80.29
BB&T	19.9	(32.8)	12.90-40.45

Company	3-month change ⁴	52-week change	52-week range
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BOTTOM 10 LARGE-CAP STOCKS

Old Dominion Freight Line	(9.0)%	5.0%	\$18.47-38.75
Family Dollar Stores	(8.9)	(2.3)	19.70-35.00
PPD	(6.9)	(50.2)	17.97-44.66
Speedway Motorsports	(3.2)	(27.7)	8.14-20.43
Laboratory Corp. of America	(1.8)	(5.3)	52.93-71.29
Piedmont Natural Gas	(1.1)	(26.1)	20.52-34.19
Tekelec	0.1	11.6	10.01-19.68
Nucor	3.8	5.6	25.25-51.08
Progress Energy	4.3	(10.2)	31.35-45.60
Goodrich	6.5	21.1	25.11-57.98

TOP 10 SMALL-CAP STOCKS

Targacept	698.8%	226.7%	\$1.40-19.99
Unifi	121.3	(34.7)	0.44-5.43
Icagen	110.8	(6.7)	0.31-1.59
NewBridge Bancorp	108.6	(53.6)	0.94-6.41
Triad Guaranty	86.8	(39.5)	0.12-2.19
Horizon Lines	58.7	(40.1)	1.95-11.02
PowerSecure International	57.8	(9.9)	2.70-7.35
Sealy	57.4	(55.7)	0.43-7.38
DARA BioSciences	52.8	(53.8)	0.15-1.68
Insteel Industries	38.1	(14.1)	4.76-14.72

BOTTOM 10 SMALL-CAP STOCKS

Bank of Granite	(58.0)%	(76.0)%	\$1.07-6.86
Chelsea Therapeutics Intl.	(43.6)	(16.5)	1.09-7.51
Cornerstone Therapeutics	(40.3)	na	na
BioDelivery Sciences Intl.	(38.9)	42.3	2.08-8.29
Yadkin Valley Financial	(33.7)	(70.6)	3.25-17.50
Bank of the Carolinas	(27.8)	(42.2)	3.17-7.00
Tree.com	(22.9)	34.3	1.42-13.07
MedCath	(22.8)	(52.8)	5.70-19.70
TranS1	(17.0)	(51.3)	4.08-10.40
Coca-Cola Consolidated	(16.1)	12.3	35.00-58.18

¹adjusted for splits and dividends. ²source: Yahoo Finance. ³based on earnings per share in the last four quarters. ⁴July-September. na = not available or not applicable. Only stocks from Nasdaq, New York and American exchanges. Large-cap stocks have market values of at least \$500 million. Source: FinancialContent Inc. (www.financialcontent.com)