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Today's Earnings Surprises

As of 1:01 pm on Monday April 29, 1996

Positive Surprises

Companies reporting earnings at least 5% higher than consensus estimate

Company Name	Ticker	Period	Earnings Per Share		Earnings Surprise	Standard Deviation	Number Brokers
			Consensus	Actual			
Action Performance Co	ACTN	Q2Mar96	0.17	0.18	5.9%	0.00	3
ACX Technologies Inc.	ACX	Q1Mar96	0.10	0.29	190.0%	0.03	5
Atlantis Plastics Inc	AGH	Q1Mar96	-0.04	0.04	N+	N/A	1
Anixter p.	AXE	Q1Mar96	0.18	0.20	11.1%	0.01	5
Comair Holdings	COMR	Q4Mar96	0.40	0.55	37.5%	0.05	10
Centennial Technologi	CTN	Q3Mar96	0.18	0.19	5.6%	N/A	1
HFNC Financial	HFNC	Q3Mar96	0.15	0.16	6.7%	0.04	2
IHOP Corp	IHOP	Q1Mar96	0.30	0.32	6.7%	0.01	4
IMS Integrated Measur	IMSC	Q1Mar96	0.15	0.19	26.7%	0.00	5
Interim Services	INTM	Q1Mar96	0.33	0.36	9.1%	0.03	5
Ivax Corp.	IVX	Q1Mar96	0.28	0.30	7.1%	0.02	9
LG&E Energy Corp	LGE	Q1Mar96	0.31	0.33	6.5%	0.00	2
LaSalle Re Holdings L	LSREF	Q2Mar96	1.23	1.31	6.5%	0.02	4
Medarex Inc	MEDX	Q1Mar96	-0.22	-0.14	N+	0.00	1
MidSpring Enterprises	MSPG	Q1Mar96	-0.37	-0.30	N+	0.01	2
National Fuel Gas Co.	NFG	Q2Mar96	1.31	1.48	13.0%	0.03	7
NIPSCO Industries	NI	Q1Mar96	0.99	1.08	9.1%	0.02	5
Ostex International	OSTX	Q1Mar96	-0.15	-0.14	N+	0.01	3
Peoples Energy Corp.	PGL	Q2Mar96	1.54	1.77	14.9%	0.11	5
Parexel int'l Corp.	PRXL	Q3Mar96	0.15	0.17	13.3%	0.00	4
Gibraltar Steel Corp.	ROCK	Q1Mar96	0.28	0.33	17.9%	0.01	5
Sunrise Medical Inc.	SMD	Q3Mar96	0.05	0.14	N/A	0.00	3
Supertex Inc.	SUPX	Q4Mar96	0.17	0.18	5.9%	N/A	1
Tyson Foods Inc.	TYSNA	Q2Mar96	0.07	0.10	N/A	0.02	11

Legend

N/A All or some data necessary for the calculation is unavailable.

N/C Not Calculable, e.g. divisor (mean estimate) = 0, and there is more than one estimate.

N+ Actual EPS is larger than Mean estimate. Mean estimate is negative or zero.

N- Actual EPS is smaller than Mean estimate. Mean estimate is negative or zero.

Negative Surprises

Companies reporting earnings at least 5% below the consensus estimate

Company Name	Ticker	Period	Earnings Per Share		Earnings Surprise	Standard Deviation	Number Brokers
			Consensus	Actual			
American Classic Voya	AMCV	Q1Mar96	-0.27	-0.35	N-	0.03	2
Boeing Company	BA	Q1Mar96	0.42	0.35	-16.7%	0.07	13
Mentor Graphics	MENT	Q1Mar96	0.18	0.14	-22.2%	0.02	10
Sonic Solutions	SNIC	Q4Mar96	-0.02	-0.14	N-	0.00	3
St. Paul Companies, T	SPC	Q1Mar96	1.19	1.07	-10.1%	0.10	19
Utilicorp United, Inc	UCU	Q1Mar96	0.84	0.79	-6.0%	0.03	4
USG Corp.	USG	Q1Mar96	0.70	0.61	-12.9%	0.03	6

Positive Reports

Earnings announcements within 5%, but above consensus

Company Name	Ticker	Period	Earnings Per Share		Percent Difference	Standard Deviation	Number Brokers
			Consensus	Actual			
Apple South Inc.	APSO	Q1Mar96	0.18	0.18	0.0%	0.00	13
American Waste Servic	AW	Q1Mar96	0.00	0.01	N+	N/A	1
Family Golf	FGCI	Q1Mar96	-0.01	0.01	N+	0.01	2
FemRx	FMRX	Q1Mar96	-0.28	-0.27	N+	N/A	1
FPA Medical Managemen	FPAM	Q1Mar96	0.07	0.08	N/A	0.00	8
Howell Corp.	HWL	Q1Mar96	0.12	0.12	0.0%	0.02	3
Indiana Energy, Inc.	IEI	Q2Mar96	1.11	1.16	4.5%	0.05	4
Image Industries Inc.	IMAG	Q3Mar96	0.00	0.02	N+	0.00	3
Koala Corporation	KARE	Q1Mar96	0.17	0.17	0.0%	N/A	1
Osteotech Inc	OSTE	Q1Mar96	0.01	0.02	N/A	N/A	1
Supertel Hospitality	SPPR	Q1Mar96	0.06	0.09	N/A	N/A	1
Questar Corp.	STR	Q1Mar96	0.81	0.85	4.9%	0.02	12

Negative Reports

Earnings announcements within 5%, but below consensus

Company Name	Ticker	Period	Earnings Per Share		Percent Difference	Standard Deviation	Number Brokers
			Consensus	Actual			
Acuson Corp.	ACN	Q1Mar96	0.07	0.05	N/A	0.01	3
Avert Incorporated	AVRT	Q1Mar96	0.07	0.06	N/A	N/A	1
Crescent Real Estate	CEI	Q1Mar96	0.63	0.62	-1.6%	0.02	3
Micro Component Tech.	MCTI	Q3Mar96	0.04	0.01	N/A	0.01	2
Martin Color-Fi Inc.	MRCF	Q1Mar96	0.00	-0.01	N-	N/A	1
Pioneer Financial Ser	PFS	Q1Mar96	0.55	0.54	-1.8%	N/A	1
Provident Companies	PVT	Q1Mar96	0.72	0.70	-2.8%	0.01	4
Trimas Corp	TMS	Q1Mar96	0.37	0.36	-2.7%	0.02	6
US West Media Group	UMG	Q1Mar96	0.02	0.00	N/A	0.03	4