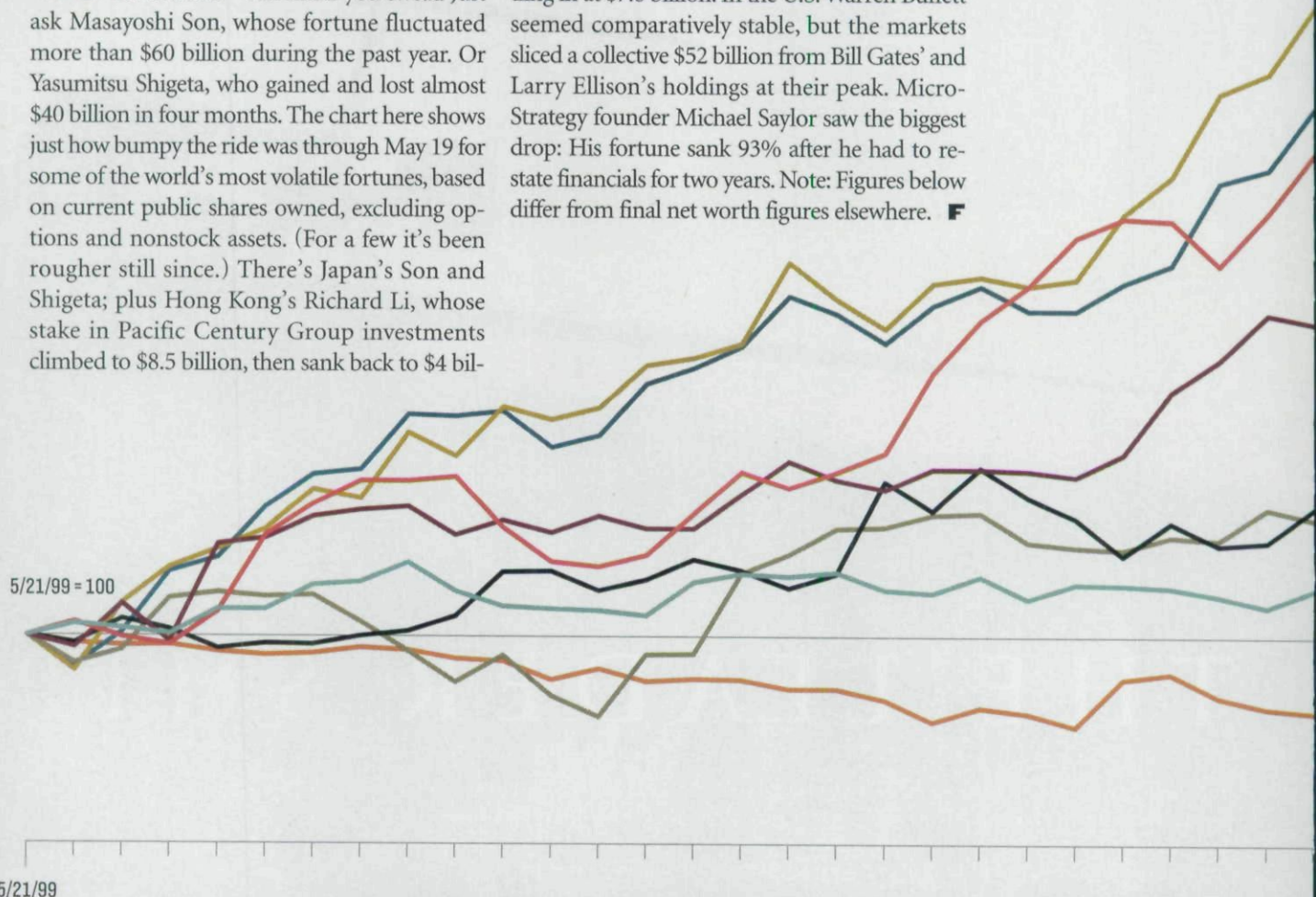


# If It's Tuesday, I Must Be Rich

Being a multibillionaire has its ups and downs—never as much as today.

**W**HEN YOU'RE A BILLIONAIRE, A CHANGE of a few points—let alone major market turmoil—can make you sweat. Just ask Masayoshi Son, whose fortune fluctuated more than \$60 billion during the past year. Or Yasumitsu Shigeta, who gained and lost almost \$40 billion in four months. The chart here shows just how bumpy the ride was through May 19 for some of the world's most volatile fortunes, based on current public shares owned, excluding options and nonstock assets. (For a few it's been rougher still since.) There's Japan's Son and Shigeta; plus Hong Kong's Richard Li, whose stake in Pacific Century Group investments climbed to \$8.5 billion, then sank back to \$4 bil-

lion; Azim Premji, head of India's technology star Wipro, whose shares hit \$35 billion before settling in at \$7.8 billion. In the U.S. Warren Buffett seemed comparatively stable, but the markets sliced a collective \$52 billion from Bill Gates' and Larry Ellison's holdings at their peak. MicroStrategy founder Michael Saylor saw the biggest drop: His fortune sank 93% after he had to restate financials for two years. Note: Figures below differ from final net worth figures elsewhere. **F**



**WARREN BUFFETT**

Value 5/21/99: \$35.2 billion  
Peak 5/21/99: \$35.2 billion  
Value 5/19/00: \$28.2 billion



**MASAYOSHI SON**

Value 5/21/99: \$5.3 billion  
Peak 2/18/00: \$68.5 billion  
Value 5/19/00: \$21.8 billion



**YASUMITSU SHIGETA**

Value 5/21/99: \$3.7 billion  
Peak 2/18/00: \$38.9 billion  
Value 5/19/00: \$1.9 billion



**RICHARD LI**

Value 5/21/99: \$1.6 billion  
Peak 2/11/00: \$8.5 billion  
Value 5/19/00: \$4.0 billion

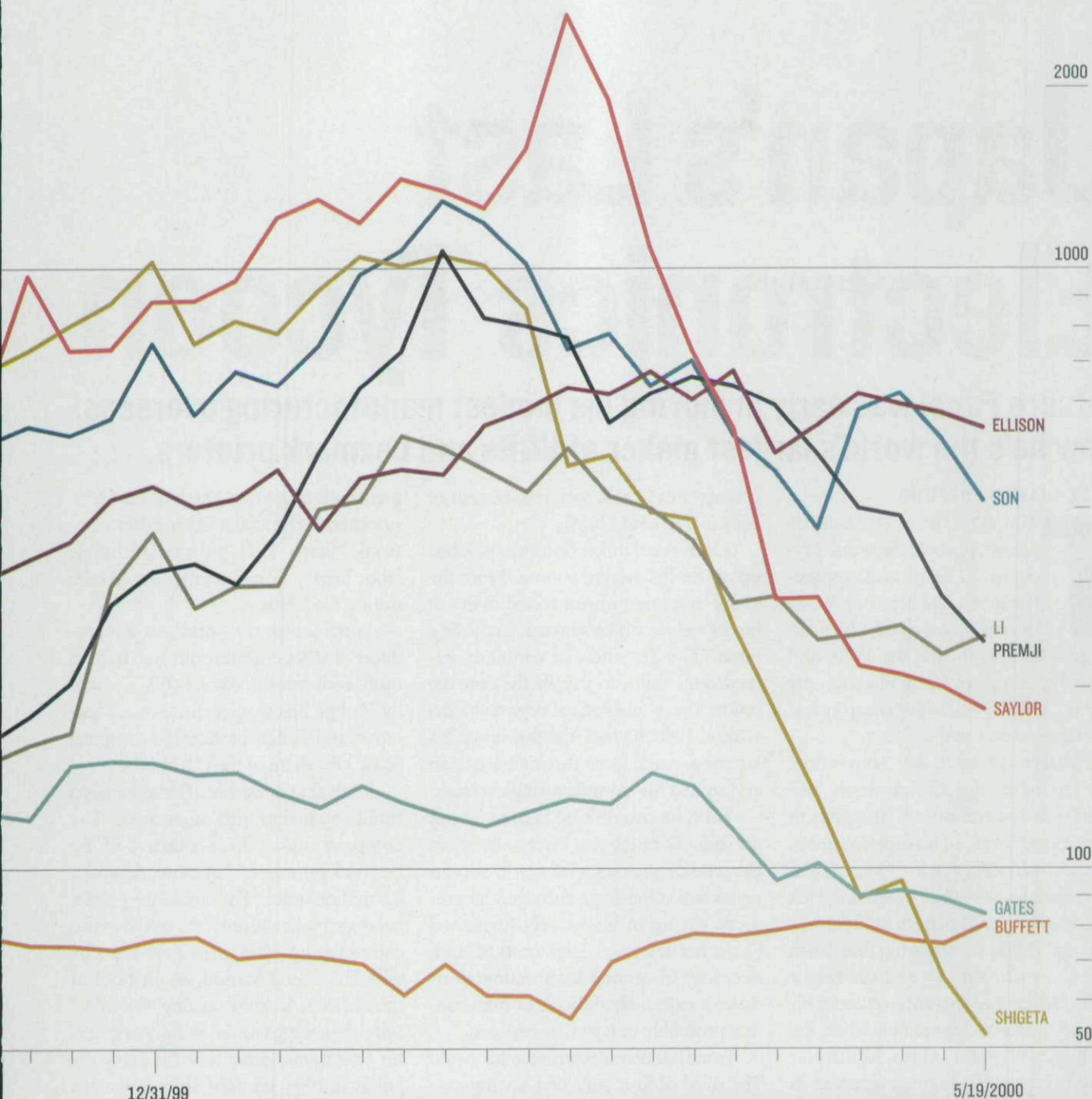


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**AZIM PREMJI**

Value 5/21/99: \$3.3 billion  
Peak 2/18/00: \$35.1 billion  
Value 5/19/00: \$7.8 billion

**LARRY ELLISON**

Value 5/21/99: \$8.6 billion  
Peak 4/7/00: \$57.8 billion  
Value 5/19/00: \$46.5 billion

**MICHAEL SAYLOR**

Value 5/21/99: \$525 million  
Peak 3/10/00: \$13.8 billion  
Value 5/19/00: \$960 million

**BILL GATES**

Value 5/21/99: \$61.3 billion  
Peak 12/23/99: \$92.5 billion  
Value 5/19/00: \$51.4 billion

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