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## ▶▶▶ Economy

### The Big Story

#### ▶ [Applications for US jobless aid dip 32K to 300,000](#)

The number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits dropped to the lowest level in almost seven years, falling 32,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 300,000.

### Financial Times

#### ▶ [Bank of England maintains course on rates and QE](#)

Steady as she goes was the message from the Bank of England on Thursday as it kept monetary policy unchanged in April.

## ▶▶▶ Currencies

### Forex Live

#### ▶ [US dollar higher on jobless claims and import price data](#)

The US dollar made small gains after data showing weekly jobless claims data at the lowest since 2007. Import prices also rose 0.6% in March, a faster pace than the 0.2% expected...

### WBP Online

#### ▶ [USD/JPY: Safety bets back on track after China's trade data](#)

Soft Chinese trade data and the absence of a "six-month" horizon in the FOMC minutes, pushed investor appetite for safe-haven currencies higher, with the yen clearly benefiting.

## ▶▶▶ Top Videos

### CNN

#### ▶ [Italian FM: QE appropriate for euro area](#)

John Defeterios speaks to Italian Finance Minister Pier Carlo Padoan about the correlation between QE and inflation.

### Bloomberg

#### ▶ [Hate Parking? Let This Robot Take the Wheel](#)

Living in a big city has its challenges. Parking is one of them. Fortunately for the less spatially aware there's a robot that will do it for you. While automated parking systems are nothing new, this German company says [its product is more efficient](#)

## ▶▶▶ Politics

### Daily Caller

#### ▶ [Obama: GOP policies 'un-American,' women and Latinos 'diseased'](#)

President Barack Obama told a Texas audience of trial lawyers and donors that the GOP's voter verification policies are "un-American."

### RT

#### ▶ [Putin tells Europe Ukraine gas debt 'critical', transit threatened](#)

Russian President Vladimir Putin has written to European countries warning that Ukraine's debt crisis has reached a "critical" stage, and could have consequences for gas transit to Europe.

## ▶▶▶ Markets

### MarketWatch

#### ▶ [Stock futures lower after weak China data, earnings](#)

U.S. stock futures were volatile on Thursday but trimmed losses after a larger-than-expected drop in weekly jobless claims.

### The Economic Times

#### ▶ [Gold rises to two-week high as US Fed minutes spur demand](#)

Gold today rose to a two-week high as US Federal Reserve minutes played down forecasts by some of the bank's own policymakers that interest rates might rise faster than they previously predicted.

## ▶▶▶ Blogs

### Howard Gold

#### ▶ [Don't let these stock market gyrations scare you](#)

The last few weeks have been nerve-wracking for investors and downright painful for the foolish folks who threw their money at the hottest "momentum," social media and biotechnology stocks.

### Dilip D'Souza

#### ▶ [Puzzles at election time](#)

Ever since I started writing this column, I've hoped to offer you an occasional set of puzzles. I've managed it just once





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