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Stock Markets

S&P/ASX 200	5,476.77	+41.00	NZSX 50	5161.41	-27.72
DJIA	16,540.73	+22.19	Nikkei	14,163.78	+130.33
NASDAQ	4,048.58	-19.09	FTSE	6,839.25	+42.81
S&P 500	1,874.34	-3.87	Hang Seng	21,837.12	+90.86
SPI 200 Fut	5,459.00	+0.00	TRJCRB Index	306.14	-0.86

Bonds

AU 10 YR Bond	3.826	-0.019	US 10 YR Bond	2.613	-0.010
NZ 10 YR Bond	4.310	+0.000	US 30 YR Bond	3.431	+0.028

Currencies (Prev at 7pm NZST)

AUD US\$	0.9374	0.9379	NZD US\$	0.8642	0.8665
EUR US\$	1.3851	1.3923	Yen US\$	101.53	101.76

Commodities

Gold (Lon)	1287.00	Silver (Lon)	19.250
Gold (NY)	1288.94	Light Crude	100.24

Overnight market action with latest New York figures.

EQUITIES

NEW YORK - U.S. stocks rose on Thursday, as a turnaround in beaten-down momentum names boosted the Nasdaq while initial jobless claims data, which suggested the labor market was improving, helped lift the broader market.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 85.78 points, or 0.52 percent, to 16,604.32, the S&P 500 gained 9.41 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,887.62 and the Nasdaq Composite added 37.917 points, or 0.93 percent, to 4,105.59.

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LONDON - Britain's top shares closed at their highest in more than two months on Thursday, as Barclays announced a revival plan and investors welcomed the possibility of more stimulus steps from the European Central Bank in June.

The FTSE 100 ended up 42.81 points, or 0.6 percent, at 6,839.25 points, its highest close since February 24.

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TOKYO - Japan's Nikkei share average rose on Thursday as comments by the U.S. Federal Reserve chief and upbeat **Chinese**

data improved sentiment, while Nintendo pared early losses after its chief said it will plan to launch a console for emerging markets.

The Nikkei ended up 0.9 percent at 14,163.78, recovering from a three-week closing low of 14,033.45 hit on Wednesday.

The broader Topix added 0.7 percent to 1,160.01, while the new JPX-Nikkei Index 400 advanced 0.8 percent to 10,556.68.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK - The dollar gained against the euro on Thursday after European Central Bank President Mario Draghi said the bank might act to stem falling inflation at its June meeting, erasing the dollar's earlier fall to a 2-1/2 year low.

The euro was last down 0.39 percent against the dollar at \$1.3856. It earlier rose to \$1.3992, the highest since November 2011.

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TREASURIES

NEW YORK - Thirty-year Treasuries sat out a modest U.S. bond market rally and dropped on Thursday after the government sold \$16 billion of new long bonds at unexpectedly high yields.

Yields on U.S. 30-year bonds US30YT=RR, which on Friday touched their weakest level since June 19 at 3.34 percent, traded at 3.4123 percent after touching a high of 3.438 percent. For the day, the 30-year was down 4/32 in price.

Other Treasuries were mostly up or flat in price. Ten-year Treasury notes US10YT=RR yielded 2.6035 percent, reflecting a price gain of 5/32.

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COMMODITIES

GOLD

LONDON - Gold eased on Thursday, extending the previous day's more than 1 percent drop, after European Central Bank President Mario Draghi's comments that the bank may act to stem falling inflation at its June meeting knocked the euro.

Spot gold was down 0.1 percent at \$1,288.10 an ounce at 1431 GMT, while U.S. gold futures for June delivery were down 40 cents an ounce at \$1,288.50.

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BASE METALS

LONDON - Nickel raced to its strongest level in more than two years on Thursday as industrial consumers scrambled to secure supplies and speculators extended their buying spree after Vale halted its Goro nickel operations in New Caledonia.

Three-month nickel on the London Metal Exchange (LME) surged 6.1 percent to a high of \$19,786 a tonne, the strongest since March 2, 2012.

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OIL

NEW YORK - U.S. crude oil prices fell on Thursday after a rally driven by a drop in commercial crude stocks topped out at a key technical level, while Brent fell as the market awaited developments in the Ukraine conflict.

Front-month Brent, the international benchmark, shed 34 cents to \$107.79 per barrel by 2:08 p.m. EDT (1808 GMT), after settling \$1.07 higher on Wednesday.

U.S. crude fell 74 cents to \$100.03 per barrel, after it rose \$1.27 in the previous session.

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