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## Dow closes little changed as US waits for US inflation report; ASX to rise

- Global markets.** The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed just below the flatline Tuesday as investors struggled to regain some positive momentum ahead of the release of key U.S. inflation data.

The 30-stock index slipped 9.13 points, or 0.02%, at 38,883.67. At its session low, the Dow was down 320.71 points, or 0.82%. The S&P 500 notched a gain of 0.14% to end at 5,209.91, while the Nasdaq Composite added 0.32% and closed at 16,306.64.

Chipmaker Nvidia dropped 2%. A couple of mega-cap tech names were also negative for the day, with Meta and Netflix down about 0.5% and 1.6%, respectively.

The March consumer price index report is slated for release Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. ET. Economists surveyed by Dow Jones expect inflation to have increased 0.3% in March on a month-over-month basis.

Investors will keep a close eye on the data as they search for clues on when the Federal Reserve will start cutting rates. Right now, fed funds futures trading data suggests a roughly 42% probability that rates will hold steady in June, according to the CME Group's FedWatch tool.

- In economic news.** Local attention will be on the New Zealand rate decision due at midday and on building activity due at 11.30am. The RBNZ is expected to hold interest rates steady.

The CPI data, due out after the Australian market closes on Wednesday night, will help shape the US Federal Reserve's stance on interest rate cuts this year.

- In other markets.** In commodities, oil dropped as traders assessed diplomatic efforts in the Middle East. Gold jumped as much as 1.1 per cent to \$US2365.35 an ounce.

Crude oil futures fell for a second day Tuesday as the recent rally paused while traders took stock of where the conflict in Middle East was heading.

- Futures.** ASX futures were up 30 points or 0.4 per cent to 7895 near 7am AEST.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets			
All Ordinaries	8,081.2	8,044.9	0.5%
ASX 200	7,824.2	7,789.1	0.5%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,217.0	2,208.0	0.4%

US Markets			
Dow Jones	38,883.7	38,892.8	0.0%
S&P500	5,209.9	5,202.4	0.1%
Nasdaq	18,169.9	18,100.2	0.4%
Russell 2000	2,080.0	2,073.7	0.3%

Asian & European Markets			
Shanghai Composite	3,048.5	3,047.1	0.0%
Nikkei	39,773.1	39,347.0	1.1%
Hang Seng	16,828.1	16,732.9	0.6%
FTSE 100	7,934.8	7,943.5	-0.1%
DAX 30	18,076.7	18,319.0	-1.3%
CAC 40	8,049.2	8,119.3	-0.9%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Information Technology	3,776.8	3,770.9	0.2%
Communication Services	291.5	291.2	0.1%
Consumer Discretionary	1,475.2	1,468.4	0.5%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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JPY - PPI YoY	9:50	0.80%	0.6%
USA - Core Inflation Rate YoY	22:30	3.70%	3.8%

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Lotus Resources	0.420	0.420	0.0%
Elementos	0.145	0.150	-3.3%
Frontier Energy	0.340	0.348	-2.2%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	85.30	86.57	-1.5%
Gold	2,353	2,338	0.6%
Gold (Aus)	3,550	3,541	0.3%
Silver	28.18	27.86	1.1%
Uranium (Spot)	90.00	90.00	0.0%
Tin (Futures)	29,848	28,795	3.7%
Copper	4.31	4.30	0.2%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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SPI200 Futures	7,889.0	7,866.0	0.3%
DX Index	104.1	104.3	-0.2%
AUD/USD	0.6628	0.6604	0.4%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.743	4.793	-5 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.362	4.422	-6 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	-0.197	-0.197	0 bp
VIX Index	14.97	15.18	-1.4%