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Stocks close lower, Dow falls more than 300 points; ASX to rise

 Global markets. Stocks closed lower Thursday as Salesforce logged its worst day in around two decades. Traders also looked ahead to the release of key U.S. inflation data.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average slid 330.06 points, or 0.86%, to 38,111.48. The S&P 500 lost 0.6% to close at 5,235.48. The Nasdaq Composite dipped 1.08% to 16,737.08, underscoring the weakness in technology names.

Salesforce plunged 19.7% after missing revenue expectations for the fiscal first quarter and providing a weak outlook, marking its worst session since 2004. Artificial intelligence darling Nvidia also slid more than 3%, notching its first negative session following its blockbuster earnings report last week. Microsoft declined more than 3% for its worst day since October.

Thursday's moves come amid a tough, holiday-shortened trading week. The S&P 500 has slipped around 1.3%, while the Nasdaq Composite has shed 1.1%, putting both on track to snap five-week winning streaks. The Dow has tumbled more than 2%, on pace for its second straight losing week.

Traders are looking toward Friday's release of the personal consumption expenditures price index report for April, which is the Federal Reserve's preferred inflation gauge. Inflation is expected to come in at 2.7% for April, according to the Dow Jones estimate, still above the central bank's 2% target.

- In economic news. N/A
- In other markets. The 10-year Treasury yield has hurt investor sentiment this week. Higher yields can be bad news for stock investors, as they reduce the multiples traders are willing to pay for equities and make safer investments, such as Treasury bills and money market funds, more attractive. While the yield slipped back below 4.6% on Thursday, it remained above the 4.5% level, which is considered troublesome for stocks.
- Futures. ASX futures up 38 points or 0.5% to 7757

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Gold (Aus) 3,495 3,535 -1.1%
Silver 30.45 31.19 -2.4%
Uranium (Spot) 92.75 92.75 0.0%
Global X Uranium ETF 32.24 32.07 0.5%
Sprott Uranium Miners ETF 56.53 56.18 0.6%
Sprott Physical Uranium Trust 20.52 20.65 -0.6%
Tin (Futures) 33,042 34,109 -3.1%
Copper 4.64 4.66 -0.4%
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