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AUD-USD	▼	0.8999	-0.0059
EUR-GBP	▲	0.9080	0.0007
EUR-USD	▼	1.3652	-0.0043
GBP-AUD	▲	1.6705	0.0034
GBP-CAD	▼	1.5520	-0.0063
GBP-EUR	▼	1.1013	-0.0010
GBP-NZD	▲	2.1826	0.0096
GBP-USD	▼	1.5038	-0.0060
NZD-USD	▼	0.6891	-0.0055
USD-CAD		1.0319	0.0000
USD-JPY	▼	88.37	-0.0900

USA

- The yen advanced versus all of its 16 major counterparts as Asian stocks fell and on the prospect that Japanese companies will bring home overseas earnings before the fiscal year ends this month. The dollar fell to weakest since December against the yen as traders added to bets the Federal Reserve will keep interest rates near zero to sustain growth in the world's largest economy.

Figures out today:

Country	Event	GMT	EDT	Expected	Previous
USD	Initial Jobless Claims (FEB 27)	13:30	08:30	475K	496K
USD	Pending Home Sales (MoM) (JAN)	15:00	10:00	1.5%	1.0%
USD	Factory Orders (JAN)	15:00	10:00	1.2%	1.0%
USD	ICSC Chain Store Sales (YoY) (FEB)	15:30	10:30		3.0%

UK

Figures out today:

GBP	Bank of England Interest Rate Decision	12:00	07:00	0.50%	0.50%
GBP	Bank of England Asset Purchase Target (British Pounds)	12:00	07:00	200B	200B

- Pound Drop May Cement BOE Pause as Stimulus Aids U.K. Recovery: March 4 (Bloomberg) -- Bank of England officials may keep their bond-purchase plan on hold today as the pound's worst losing streak since October 2008 adds wind to the sails of Britain's economic recovery. The currency, which has dropped 4 percent against the dollar in the past month, may provide extra stimulus as policy makers led by Governor Mervyn King wait for the 200 billion- pound (\$302 billion) program to take full effect on an economy shaking off the deepest recession on record. The bank will keep the plan unchanged at noon today in London, all 45 economists in a Bloomberg News survey said. King said last month it was "far too soon" to call an end to the bank's purchases as the economy struggles to grow and concerns about ballooning budget deficits from the U.K. to Greece threaten growth across Europe. The pound's drop extended to a sixth day until yesterday on speculation the looming election will create a government too impotent to fix the nation's public finances.

Europe

Figures out today:

EUR	Euro-Zone Gross Domestic Product s.a. (QoQ) (4Q P)	10:00	05:00	0.1%	0.1%
EUR	Euro-Zone Gross Domestic Product s.a. (YoY) (4Q P)	10:00	05:00	-2.1%	-2.1%
EUR	Euro-Zone Gross Fixed Capital (QoQ) (4Q P)	10:00	05:00	-0.9%	-0.4%
EUR	European Central Bank Interest Rate Decision	12:45	07:45	1.00%	1.00%

- Euro Drops From Two-Week High on Speculation ECB to Delay Exit: March 4 (Bloomberg) -- The euro fell from a two-week high against the dollar on speculation the European Central Bank will delay withdrawing its stimulus measures amid lingering concern over Greece, damping demand for the region's assets.
- Investor sentiment toward the pound and euro is negative ahead of the Bank of England and European Central Bank meetings on policy Thursday, said Akira Maekawa, a strategist at GFT, the Japanese unit of U.S.-based Global Futures & Forex. "For one thing, the euro may resume falling if ECB President Trichet says something about Greece, and for the sterling, it has a risk of a plunge as well because investors bet the BOE is leaning towards expanding its quantitative easing programs."

Commodities

- Oil prices briefly topped \$81 in Asian trade Thursday but failed to sustain the support as the dollar gained strength, making the commodity more expensive, analysts said. New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in April, was down 12 cents to \$80.75 a barrel in morning trade after hitting an intra-day high of \$81.01.
- Spot gold was at \$1,139.20 per troy ounce, down 40 cents from New York's close on Wednesday.

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