**IN THE NEWS**

Yen per dollar 120.19
Treas. note, 10-year yield 1.95%

**USA SNAPSHOTS**

Nasdaq composite 4995.98

**MONEYLINE**

Power and water

**Done Your Taxes Yet?**

Traffic Safety Administration.

**GE very a diverse company**

General Electric said Friday it is selling the bulk of its GE Capital to the French banking giant Societe Generale, in a bid to simplify the conglomerate and concentrate on its best-performing segments.

GE kicked off the announcement with the sale of its real estate assets—a hedgehog of factories, commercial loans and apartment complexes—for $33.5 billion.

The move boosted GE stock, jumping 7% to 50.93 in Wall Street afternoon trade, as investors debated what the plan means to the company’s future, and speculation grew about the depth of its strategic shift.

“ ’We needed to see that management was serious about exiting this part of the business—learning behind the old GE and moving forward’,” Barbara Niven of Morningstar said.

Niven said the company needs to make a “smart move and right for the changing financial landscape,” according to a statement.

The conglomerate, with a market value of $219 billion, has been slowly selling off its media, financial and appliance assets and divesting down its finance business. GE’s stock price, which is down 16% since 2000, the year Enron took charge from Welch.

**GE gets back to its industrial roots**

Kaja Whitehouse

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For those left scarred by the oil shocks of 1970 to 1979, scarring an entire generation.

**Don’t Fear Inflation: Prepare For It Instead**

John Wagener

If you’re worried about inflation, you’re not alone. The government’s main inflation gauge, the consumer price index, has been running at a historically low level, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. That’s largely because of cheaper gas. But experts don’t think that’s the only factor.

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The average price of a gallon of gas has fallen to $2.40 from $3.40 a gallon a year ago, according to AAA. Yet the CPI only crept up 0.3% in the first quarter, from 0.2% in the fourth quarter. That’s up from 1.7% in the year-ago period, which is what the BLS in inflation is down 1.1% since 2010, according to the BLS. The CPI rose even more, up 1.6% in the year-ago period, which is what the BLS says is the true inflation rate.

Many experts think that the 0.3% increase in the CPI is due to “mismeasurement,” a phenomenon that can happen when the government tries to measure the price of something that has become cheaper.

The CPI is calculated by the government’s Bureau of Labor Statistics, which collects data from thousands of retail stores and service providers.

**GE’s CEO, Brian Roberts, also had a nice year.**

The value of his stock award rose 16% to $7.3 million and his overall compensation rose 12% to $25.2 million. Comcast CEO Brian Roberts also had a very good year with the value of his pension and deferred compensation increasing 12% to $12.5 million.

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**FUTURE IN SIGHT**

Patrick DeHaan. Gas currently averages $2.40 a gallon, 33% cheaper than your nogoe levels.

**_TOO MANY 3D WATCHES_**

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