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## Mortgage Rate Resilience Continues

Mortgage rates held their ground yet again, and are finally starting to look resilient after a relatively sharp move higher over the past 2 weeks. This was true even before mid-day headlines put additional downward pressure on rates.

The headlines in question quoted North Korean officials saying that the US had "declared war" and that North Korea had the right to shoot down US warplanes even outside North Korean airspace. When news headlines include the words "US, declares, and war" financial markets tend to respond, even if much of that response is driven by headline-reading trading algorithms. To quote myself from Friday: "in general, these sorts of headlines lead investors to shed risk--something that frequently takes the form of selling stocks and buying bonds. When investors buy bonds, rates move lower."

Some lenders responded to the bond market improvements by adjusting today's rate sheets. Other lenders maintained the same rates from the morning and thus will be more likely to offer **better pricing tomorrow**, assuming minimal bond market movement overnight.

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## National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News	Daily		
30 Yr. Fixed	7.28%	-0.09	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.75%	-0.07	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.70%	-0.12	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.48%	-0.07	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.35%	-0.07	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.22%	-0.22	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.47%	-0.29	0.00
Mortgage Banke	ers Assoc.		
30 Yr. Fixed	7.24%	+0.11	0.66
15 Yr. Fixed	6.75%	+0.11	0.64
30 Yr. FHA	7.01%	+0.11	0.94
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.45%	+0.05	0.56
5/1 ARM	6.64%	+0.12	0.87
Rates as of: 5/3			

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## MBS and Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	100.09	+0.31
MBS GNMA 6.0	101.03	+0.29
10 YR Treasury	4.5138	-0.0657
30 YR Treasury	4.6711	-0.0579
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Pricing as of: 5/3 5:04PM EST

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