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(4) How can you use the recent rise in interest rates to increase your income and your capital gains?
(5) How can you get into hot IPOs with discount on-line brokers?
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(7) How should you sell items on on-line auctions?
(8) How can you acquire foreign currency inexpensively?
(9) How should you approach day-trading on-line?
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