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What's News

Business & Finance

- ◆ **The Justice Department** is investigating server maker Super Micro Computer following a critical report by an activist short-selling firm, according to people familiar with the matter. **B1**
- ◆ **Major U.S. stock indexes** advanced, with the S&P 500 gaining 0.4% and the Dow industrials and Nasdaq both moving 0.6% higher. **B9**
- ◆ **Micron shares surged** nearly 15% after the memory-chip maker posted better-than-expected quarterly results and issued guidance that topped Wall Street expectations. **B4**
- ◆ **DirectTV is in** advanced talks to acquire satellite-television rival Dish, people familiar with the matter said, in a deal that could create one of the country's largest pay-TV distributors. **B4**
- ◆ **Hoda Kotb said** she would step down as co-host of NBC's flagship "Today" show, after 26 years at the network. **B2**
- ◆ **Shares of H&M fell 4.6%** in Sweden after the fashion retailer said it would miss a key profitability target this year as higher costs hit its third-quarter earnings. **B3**
- ◆ **Newsmax said it settled** a lawsuit brought by Smartmatic over false claims that the voting-technology company helped rig the 2020 presidential election. **B3**
- ◆ **BASF cut its annual dividend** and opened the door to shedding noncore assets as part of the German chemicals giant's new strategy. **B3**
- ◆ **Spirits maker Diageo** confirmed its outlook for the near and medium term, but said industry and company challenges remain. **B3**

World-Wide

- ◆ **New York City Mayor** Eric Adams filled his campaign war chests with illegal foreign political contributions and crisscrossed the globe on the dime of Turkish nationals without disclosing the free perks, prosecutors said in an unprecedented indictment of the leader of the nation's largest city. **A1, A6**
- ◆ **China's newest** nuclear-powered attack submarine sank in the spring, a major setback for one of the country's priority weapons programs, U.S. officials said. **A1**
- ◆ **A New York appeals** court questioned whether the state's civil fraud case against Trump properly applied the law and whether the penalty assessed was too high. **A4**
- ◆ **Israel launched more** strikes it said targeted Hezbollah in Lebanon, and Netanyahu told troops to keep fighting at full force, casting doubt on diplomatic efforts to establish a ceasefire and forestall a possible Israeli ground invasion. **A8**
- ◆ **Kamala Harris pledged** to use the power of the government to support domestic manufacturing and help the U.S. beat China in the industries of the future. **A4**
- ◆ **Meta's claims** that Facebook doesn't polarize Americans came under new doubt as the journal Science raised questions about a research paper the tech giant has cited to support its position. **A3**
- ◆ **Ukraine's Zelensky** told lawmakers his priority is securing U.S. permission to fire long-range missiles to hit military targets in Russia, laying out his plan to turn the tide in the war. **A8**

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CATLIN OGCH/REUTERS

New York City Mayor Eric Adams appeared with supporters outside his official residence Thursday and said he won't step down.

NYC Mayor Accused of Bribery, Vows to Fight Case, Not Resign

By CORINNE RAMEY
AND JAMES FANELLI

New York City Mayor Eric Adams filled his campaign war chests with illegal foreign political contributions and crisscrossed the globe on the dime of Turkish nationals without disclosing the free perks, federal prosecutors said Thursday in an unprecedented indictment of the leader of the nation's largest city.

Adams, a Democrat, received more than \$100,000 in secret benefits, including free flights on a Turkish airline and luxury hotel stays, for about a decade,

according to the 57-page indictment. He tried to cover up the perks, including by creating fake paper trails and deleting messages with staffers involved in the conduct, prosecutors said. He faces five felony counts, including for bribery, fraud and soliciting a contribution by a foreign national.

"This was a multiyear scheme to buy favor with a single New York City politician on the rise: Eric Adams," said Damian Williams, the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York.

Williams said the investigation is continuing. "We will

hold more people accountable," he said.

The indictment, the first of a sitting New York City mayor in modern history, has Adams fighting for his political life. He denied wrongdoing and pledged to remain in office, asking New Yorkers for patience as calls for his resignation grew.

"I ask New Yorkers to wait to hear our defense before making any judgments," he said. "From here my attorneys will take care of the case so I can take care of the city."

Early Thursday morning, federal agents searched Gracie Mansion, the mayor's official

residence, and seized Adams's cellphone. They took several devices from the mayor last year.

A federal judge scheduled Adams's arraignment for Friday in a court just a few blocks from City Hall. He faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted of the most serious count.

Adams's administration faces at least four federal probes, and within the past several weeks top aides—in

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Hezbollah Is Divided On Tactics In Battle With Israel

By SUNE ENGEL RASMUSSE
AND SUMMER SAID

Hezbollah is dealing with disagreement among its ranks about how to respond to devastating attacks on the Lebanese militant group, according to people familiar with the group's deliberations. With no good options available, the group faces one of the most consequential decisions in its four-decade history.

Hezbollah, the world's most heavily armed nonstate paramilitary group, fired its first missile at the commercial capital of Tel Aviv on Wednesday, its boldest response yet to a wave of strikes by Israel. It must now choose whether to unleash more of its advanced weapons, striking deeper into Israel and potentially triggering a full-scale war, or hold back and risk diminishing its reputation as one of the fiercest fighting forces in the Middle East.

"This is the single most crucial moment for Hezbollah since it was created," said Rym Momtaz, a security analyst at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace with expertise in Hezbollah. "Hezbollah has no good options."

A full-scale war, such as the one Hezbollah fought with Israel in 2006, likely would be devastating for Lebanon, exacerbating its economic crisis and eroding Hezbollah's support among the population. Still, if the group doesn't respond in kind to the recent attacks, it could undermine the deterrence that Hezbollah

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Helene Menaces Southeast



CRISTOBAL HERRERA-QUASHNEVICH/SHUTTERSTOCK

BOARDED UP: Residents in Mayo, Fla., prepared for Helene as the Category 4 hurricane barreled toward Florida, where it made landfall late Thursday in the Big Bend region. **A3**

San Francisco Dog Owners Are Howling About Coyotes

Residents clash over whether to marvel at the wild canines or exterminate them

By KATHERINE BINDLEY

SAN FRANCISCO—Claire Coyle was walking her two basset hounds at Crissy Field's East beach last month when she saw a coyote saunter through the parking lot to the picnic area, lie on the grass and chew on a bone. From there, he trotted to the marsh, about 7 feet from some children. Then he went for a walk on the beach.

It was noon on a Monday.

"He wasn't one bit afraid," says Coyle, 49, a bartender. "I've said it to people: there's something changing with these coyotes in San Francisco."



Wily

In this city, where residents put up with a lot in the name of their progressive values—you can cycle the streets naked and no one will flinch—people are exasperated with these wild canines.

Last month, coyotes approached a couple at Baker Beach: one snatched their Pomeranian. In June, a coyote bit a child in the San Francisco Botanical Garden. In July, the city's Recreation and Parks department closed Mountain Lake dog play area over coyote conflicts. Nearby, a resident filmed a coyote strolling down Lake Street: it used the cross-

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Shoplifter's Death Stokes Outrage

A guard at Walgreens who shot a man stealing candy escaped charges

By ZUSHA ELINSON

SAN FRANCISCO—Private security guard Michael Anthony carried a .40-caliber Glock on his last shift at the Walgreens near Union Square, under fresh orders to crack down on shoplifters.

Anthony wanted to keep his bosses happy and hold on to his \$40-an-hour job. His work as a security guard had over a decade helped him escape poverty, buy a car and rent an apartment.

The 33-year-old guard was told to retrieve stolen goods, part of a stepped-up

security push. An eruption of petty thefts at chain stores in U.S. cities nationwide had cut into revenue and put scores of household items—from toothpaste to razors—under lock and key.

Besieged retailers mustered armed security guards, including at the Walgreens where Anthony took his post on April 27 last year. That evening, Anthony saw a man in sweatpants and a T-shirt grab something from a shelf and slip it into a bag. Anthony stood at the exit and asked the man to hand over

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Money Funds Keep Allure After Rate Cut

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Americans' dash for cash isn't over yet.

Investors have poured \$126 billion into money-market funds since the Federal Reserve's jumbo interest-rate cut. That sent assets in such funds to a record \$6.76 trillion as of Tuesday, based on Crane Data going back to 1998.

The trillions of dollars sitting in cash has been a fixation for big Wall Street investors and market watchers. They have been trying to divine what the sum will mean for the path of stocks, which have historically provided the highest returns in the long run.

Skeptics say some people have simply shifted their savings to higher-yielding money markets from traditional bank

accounts—and they question the idea that a pile of cash is waiting on the sidelines to enter the market.

Although interest rates are falling, many investors said they are still high enough that it makes sense to keep a fair amount of money in cash. Yields on money-market funds recently stood at 4.9%, after peaking at 5.2% in December.

Stock valuations, meanwhile, are elevated, and investors are fretting that the economy is beginning to lose some of its momentum. Together, those factors make money-market funds and other defensive assets look like prudent investments.

"People will be more com-

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