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What's News

Business & Finance

◆ A series of weak auctions for U.S. Treasurys are stoking investors' concerns that markets will struggle to absorb a coming rush of government debt spearheaded by about \$386 billion up for sale in May. **A1**

◆ Recent acquisitions have lifted to more than \$260 billion alternative assets under the management of Franklin Templeton, which has been grappling with a steady stream of outflows from its legacy mutual-fund business. **B1**

◆ GE's famed management academy at Crotonville, N.Y., was sold to an entity composed of real-estate investors and family offices for \$22 million. **B1**

◆ The U.S. continues to accelerate its push for clean energy but the market for rooftop solar power is shrinking, pummeled by high interest rates, tight credit and cuts to solar incentives. **B1**

◆ Global buyout firm CVC was set to kick off an Amsterdam share sale, targeting a valuation of up to \$16 billion in the latest sign of a pickup in initial public offerings. **B3**

◆ A two-decade bet on a biotech company turned into a roughly \$8 billion windfall for investors in the Baker Bros. Advisors hedge fund after Pfizer bought Seagen. **B4**

◆ KKR is focusing on Japan as its main market in the Asia-Pacific region, seeing many opportunities there to acquire businesses at bargain prices, executives at the investment firm said. **B9**

World-Wide

◆ Biden urged Israel to use caution in any response to Iran's unprecedented attack and pressed allies for a united diplomatic front in a bid to stop the hostilities from spiraling into open warfare that could engulf the Middle East and entangle the U.S. **A1, A6**

◆ Israel's multilayered air defense system successfully fended off what military analysts said was one of the largest combined aerial attacks in recent history. **A7**

◆ Trump will become the first former president to sit for a criminal trial when he appears in a New York court to defend himself against accusations he directed an illegal scheme to pay off a porn star. **A1**

◆ The chair of the Senate Commerce Committee, Maria Cantwell, said the content of a bill to end China's control of TikTok remains in play. **A5**

◆ The Justice Department was under growing pressure to reach a plea deal with Julian Assange after Australia asked for one and more difficulties arose in securing the WikiLeaks founder's extradition to the U.S. from the U.K. **A8**

◆ A tepid economic recovery, fear of Russian aggression, and the prospect of a Trump electoral victory in the U.S. are nudging Europe closer to China. **A8**

◆ Environmentalists and charter boat captains are arguing over a proposed rule aimed at protecting whales that would limit vessel speeds along a stretch of the Atlantic Ocean at certain times of the year. **A3**

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An antimissile system as seen from Ashkelon, Israel, on Sunday was deployed after Iran launched drones and missiles.

## Joint Response to Repel Attack Hints at Shift in Mideast Order

By YAROSLAV TROFIMOV

Saturday's Iranian strike on Israel was huge by any standard. Tehran launched more than 170 explosive-laden drones, around 120 ballistic missiles and about 30 cruise missiles, Israel said. The damage could have been catastrophic. As it turned out, almost all were intercepted. That success stemmed from a combination of Israel's sophisticated air-defense system and critical assistance pro-

vided by the U.S. and other Western and Arab partners. American, British and Jordanian warplanes played an especially important role in downing drones. Most of the Iranian drones and missiles were destroyed before they reached Israeli airspace. Whether Israel and its supporters can replicate that performance under the conditions of an all-out war—this weekend's salvo from Iran, clearly telegraphed in advance, was the opposite of a surprise attack—is an open question, as

is Israel's ability to defend itself without outside help. That is a key consideration as Israel and the U.S. consider responses to what is a new strategic reality, created by Iran's first direct military attack on Israeli territory since the Islamic revolution of 1979. Israel's war cabinet met in Tel Aviv on Sunday as the country's leaders weighed their options, and Western officials said they believed Israel's response could come quickly, as soon as Monday. Striking back hard on Ira-

nian soil could invite far more devastating retaliation. But not responding at all, or too weakly, could also erode deterrence, making Israel and others more vulnerable to future Iranian barrages. "Iran has started a new phase. It has stopped hiding behind proxies and has now become exposed to a direct attack from Israel," said Nadav Pollak, a former Israeli government analyst teaching at Reichman University near Tel Aviv. "Going forward, Israel is

## U.S. Calls For Calm After Iran Strikes Israel

Biden asks ally to be cautious in response to drone, missile blitz and avoid wider war

TEL AVIV—President Biden urged Israel to use caution in any response to Iran's unprecedented attack and pressed allies on Sunday for a united diplomatic front in a bid to stop the hostilities from spiraling into open warfare that could engulf the Middle East and entangle the U.S.

By Rory Jones, Gordon Lubold, Catherine Lucey and Anat Peled

The race to de-escalate tensions underscored the intense new phase that Iran and Israel's long-simmering conflict had entered after Tehran launched what military analysts said was one of the largest combined aerial attacks in recent history with more than 300 drones and missiles.

U.S. and Western officials anticipate that Israel will quickly respond to Iran's attacks, as soon as Monday, officials said. But the officials said they hoped both countries could come away with a sense of victory, giving them an off-ramp that would limit escalatory moves.

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## Inflation Weakens Demand For U.S. Treasurys

By ERIC WALLERSTEIN

A series of weak auctions for U.S. Treasurys is stoking investors' concerns that markets will struggle to absorb an incoming rush of government debt. A selloff sparked by a hotter-than-expected inflation report intensified this past week after lackluster demand for a \$39 billion sale of 10-year Treasurys. Investors also showed tepid interest in auctions for three-year and 30-year Treasurys. Behind their caution lies a growing conviction that inflation isn't fully tamed and that the Federal Reserve will leave interest rates at multidecade highs for months, if not years, to come. The 10-year yield—the benchmark for borrowing rates on everything from mortgages to corporate loans—finished the week around 4.5%, near its highest levels since touching 5% in October. At the same time, the government is poised to sell an additional \$386 billion or so of bonds in May—an onslaught that Wall Street expects to continue no matter who wins November's presidential election. While few fear a failed auction—an unlikely scenario that analysts said could potentially trigger prolonged turmoil—some worry that a glut of Treasurys will rattle other parts of the markets, raise the cost of government borrowing and hurt the economy. "There's been a big shift in the market narrative. The CPI [consumer-price index] report

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## Masterful Performance

Scottie Scheffler wins title for second time. **A14**

## Despite Trump's Best Efforts, His Criminal Trial Has Arrived

By CORINNE RAMEY AND JOE PALAZZOLO

Donald Trump will become the first former president to sit for a criminal trial when he appears in a New York court on Monday, kicking off an unusual stretch in which the Republican will campaign for a new term while defending himself against accusations he directed an illegal scheme to pay off a porn star. The case of People v. Trump itself has the lowest stakes of

the four prosecutions he faces. Trump would have no mandatory prison term if convicted. Despite the salacious back story, the case at its core is about documents: whether Trump falsified the business and financial records that accounted for the hush money. Still, the case, brought by Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, may be the only one of Trump's criminal cases to wrap before Election Day. The political fallout of a conviction for Trump, the pre-

sumptive Republican nominee, could be severe. Some Trump supporters have said in Wall Street Journal polling and surveys of GOP primary voters that they would change their votes if he is convicted of a felony. But it could also be met with a shrug: Trump cruised to victories in primaries even as his legal problems mounted, bemoaning the charges as politically motivated. The trial promises to bring a circuslike atmosphere to

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## Boomers Aren't Budging From Big Homes

Many empty-nesters stay put rather than downsizing, keeping inventory tight

By RACHEL LOUISE ENSIGN AND RACHEL WOLFE

Baby boomers bought up many of the big homes across the U.S. when they were raising their families. Now they're staying put, even though their kids are all grown up. Boomers are on top in a housing market where tight inventory, higher

interest rates and steep prices are making homeownership less affordable for the average family. Many of these older homeowners paid off their mortgages on properties that have appreciated tremendously in value. Some are happy with their big homes. Others would like to downsize, but are deterred by the same high costs that are restraining other pro-

spective buyers on lower rungs of the housing economy. Many are working longer or planning on an active retirement, and are in no rush to move to a retirement community. About 28% of all U.S. homes with three or more bedrooms are owned by

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Ready, Set, Fix That Plane—  
In 15 Minutes or Less!

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Hundreds of mechanics compete  
in annual aerospace maintenance olympics

By ALISON SIDER

CHICAGO—A bird flies into an airplane engine after touchdown. Mechanics are faced with the task of removing and replacing a fan blade. There are six minutes on the clock. The pressure is on. The two mechanics aren't in an airport hangar, though.

Fan favorite

They are in McCormick Place Convention Center, in the annual Aerospace Maintenance Competition. A crowd formed Tuesday, on edge as the mechanics methodically tapped each blade back into position, rotating them counter-clockwise and trying to keep them

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## Homicides Decline in Cities

In 133 cities around the country, homicides in the first few months of 2024 were down around 20% from a year earlier, according to police department statistics. **A3**

City	Decline (%)
Boston	-82%
Columbus, Ohio	-58
San Antonio	-50
San Diego	-48
Nashville, Tenn.	-44
Cleveland	-43
Austin, Texas	-42
Las Vegas	-40
New Orleans	-39
Phoenix	-38
Jacksonville, Fla.	-37
Milwaukee	-36
Pittsburgh	-35
Philadelphia	-34
Detroit	-32

Big U.S. cities with the largest year-to-date decline in homicides, 2023-24\*

\*Cities' data through dates between March 31 and April 10  
Source: the cities via AH Dataletics

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