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## What's News

### Business & Finance

◆ **OpenAI is planning** to convert from a nonprofit organization to a for-profit one at the same time as it undergoing major personnel shifts including the resignation of its chief technology officer Mira Murati. **A1**

◆ **Google said it filed** a formal complaint against Microsoft with the EU's top antitrust regulator, escalating a dispute over the cloud-computing business. **B1**

◆ **Two big insurance** companies have made multibillion-dollar bets on major oil companies, signaling a divide among insurers over their investments in fossil fuels. **B1**

◆ **U.S. stocks ended mixed**, with the S&P 500 and Dow retreating from records set Tuesday with declines of 0.2% and 0.7%, respectively, while the Nasdaq rose less than 0.1%. **B11**

◆ **Sales of new** single-family homes in the U.S. declined 4.7% last month. **A3**

◆ **Meta Platforms** announced deals with celebrity actors to use their voices in a new artificial-intelligence assistant. **B4**

◆ **Italian antitrust officials** opened an investigation into Shein, saying the fast-fashion giant might be making misleading claims about the sustainability of the clothing it sells. **B3**

◆ **Real-estate listing site** Rightmove said it would consider a sweetened offer equivalent to \$799 billion made by News Corp-controlled REA Group. **B3**

◆ **Italy's UniCredit won't** seek a seat on Commerzbank's supervisory board despite its move to become the German bank's biggest shareholder, UniCredit's CEO said. **B6**

### World-Wide

◆ **Hackers linked to the** Chinese government have broken into a handful of U.S. internet-service providers in recent months in pursuit of sensitive information, according to people familiar with the matter. **A1**

◆ **Israel's military chief** told troops that airstrikes against Hezbollah were in preparation for a potential ground invasion of Lebanon, as the U.S. and France in a joint statement called for a 21-day pause in the fighting on Israel's northern border. **A1,8**

◆ **Federal prosecutors** in Manhattan will unveil criminal charges against New York City Mayor Eric Adams on Thursday, according to people familiar with the matter. **A1**

◆ **The House and Senate** passed a measure funding federal agencies until late December, voting overwhelmingly to take a politically risky government shutdown off the table until after the election. **A3**

◆ **Secret Service failures**, including command and communications lapses, allowed the shooter at a rally in Pennsylvania in July to wound Trump and kill a spectator, Senate investigators said. **A3**

◆ **Kamala Harris vowed** to bring a pragmatic approach to the U.S. economy, with a focus on manufacturing and middle-class opportunities in an address aimed at reassuring voters about her ability to harness economic growth. **A4**

◆ **China said that it** test-fired an intercontinental ballistic missile, offering a rare public acknowledgment that is likely to increase tensions with its neighbors. **A7**

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An Israeli police officer Wednesday carried the remains of a rocket fired from southern Lebanon that hit a house in northern Israel.

## Israel Tells Troops to Prepare For Possible Lebanon Invasion

By OMAR ABDEL-BAQUI AND STEPHEN KALIN

Israel's military chief told troops that airstrikes against Hezbollah were in preparation for a potential ground invasion of Lebanon, after Israeli air defenses intercepted the militant group's first attempted missile strike on Tel Aviv.

"You hear the jets overhead; we have been striking all day. This is both to prepare the ground for your possible entry and to continue degrading Hezbollah," the Israeli chief of staff, Herzi Halevi, told Israeli troops

at the country's northern border with Lebanon. "We are preparing the process of a maneuver, which means your military boots, your maneuvering boots, will enter enemy territory."

The comments came as the U.S. and France in a joint statement called for a 21-day pause in the fighting on Israel's northern border.

"The situation between Lebanon and Israel since Oct. 8, 2023, is intolerable and presents an unacceptable risk of a broader regional escalation," the statement by the U.S. and France, joined by allied na-

tions, said. "This is in nobody's interest, neither of the people of Israel nor of the people of Lebanon."

But it remained unclear what leverage Washington has to quell the biggest conflict between Israel and Lebanon-based Hezbollah in two decades.

The militant group's attempted strike on Tel Aviv was its most provocative response yet to a week of punishing Israeli operations and airstrikes that have underscored the growing risk of all-out war. Israel said the strikes

have targeted Hezbollah. The Israeli attacks have killed more than 500 Lebanese, including scores of women and children, and wounded some 2,000 others, according to Lebanese officials.

The United Nations said Wednesday that more than 90,000 people have been displaced in the past three days, mainly from Lebanon's south

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◆ **White House seeks 21-day pause in fighting**..... **A8**  
◆ **Netanyahu resists pleas to end conflicts**..... **A8**

## The Art Market Is Tanking. Sotheby's Has Bigger Problems.

Auction house, owned by leveraged billionaire Patrick Drahi, delays payments, awaiting financial lifeline from Abu Dhabi

By KELLY CROW, MATT WIRZ AND BEN FOLDY

The art market is grinding through a rough patch, and no one is feeling the pain more than Sotheby's.

The sales downturn, driven in part by China's economic slowdown, wars and volatile U.S. elections, has hit at a crunchtime for the auction house's highly leveraged billionaire owner, Patrick Drahi, who is fighting fires amid restructuring in his telecom empire, Altice.

Sotheby's had been riding a rollicking art

market wave in recent years, bringing in at least \$7 billion in sales annually and setting record-level prices for trophies by Gustav Klimt and René Magritte.

Now, amid signs cash is running low, it is pushing off payments to its art shippers and conservators by as much as six months. Several former and current employees said Sotheby's this spring gave senior staffers IOUs instead of incentive pay. And at a meeting this month of higher-ranking executives, some executives ex-

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## OpenAI to Become For-Profit Company

OpenAI is planning to convert from a nonprofit organization to a for-profit company at the same time it is under-

By Deepa Seetharaman, Berber Jin and Tom Dotan

going major personnel shifts, including the abrupt resignation Wednesday of its chief technology officer.

Becoming a for-profit would be a seismic shift for OpenAI, which was founded in 2015 to develop AI technology "to benefit humanity as a

whole, unconstrained by a need to generate financial return" according to a statement it published when it launched.

Things started to change in late 2022 when it released ChatGPT, which became an instant hit and sparked global interest in the potential of generative artificial intelligence to reshape business and society. Guided by its chief executive, Sam Altman, OpenAI started releasing new prod-

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◆ **Google pays \$2.7 billion to rehire AI expert**..... **B1**

## NYC Mayor Adams Is Indicted in Federal Case

New York City Mayor Eric Adams has been indicted on federal criminal charges, according to people familiar with the matter, marking a

By Corinne Ramey, James Fanelli and Sadie Gurman

stunning blow to the leader of the nation's largest city.

It couldn't immediately be learned what charges Adams is facing. Federal prosecutors in Manhattan were expected to announce details of the case on Thursday, the people said.

The mayor said in a video statement Wednesday night that any charges would be based on lies. "If I am charged, I know I am innocent. I will request an immediate trial so that New Yorkers can hear the truth," he said.

Adams indicated he had no plans to resign. "Make no mistake: You elected me to lead this city—and lead it I will," he said.

The U.S. attorney's office in

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## U.S. Is Skeptical of Ukraine's Victory Plans

By ALEXANDER WARD AND LARA SELIGMAN

NEW YORK—The Biden administration is concerned that the Ukrainian leader's plan for winning the war against Russia lacks a comprehensive strategy and is little more than a repackaged request for more weapons and the lifting of restrictions on long-range missiles, U.S. officials said.

For months, President Volod-

ymyr Zelensky of Ukraine has billed the plan as a framework to defeat Russia, and he was set to brief President Biden on the specifics Thursday during a high-profile White House meeting, the first time the Biden administration will get to hear the framework in its entirety.

But senior U.S. and European officials knowledgeable of the broad outlines of the plan said it offers no clear path to a Ukraine victory, par-

ticularly as Russian forces make slow but steady gains on the battlefield.

"I'm unimpressed, there's not much new there," one of the senior officials said.

Zelensky's scheduled visit to Washington on Thursday comes amid growing allegations from some Republicans that Ukraine's politicians are interfering in U.S. domestic politics. Zelensky recently came under attack for criticiz-

ing Republican vice-presidential candidate JD Vance, and on Wednesday Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson (R., La.) called for the dismissal of Ukraine's ambassador to the U.S. for touring a manufacturing facility in Pennsylvania as part of what he called "clearly a partisan campaign event."

While the U.S. and Ukraine hoped to be united on a way forward, they now find them-

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### How 'Grey's Anatomy' Keeps Upping the Drama

Writers for long-running TV show 'play the make it worse, make it sadder game'

By ITZEL LUNA

Dr. Meredith Grey has nearly died seven times. The hospital where she works has faced a bomb, an earthquake, shootings and a flood. Patients and staff in her hospital have been diagnosed with more than 140 tumors.

During almost two decades on air, writers of hit TV show "Grey's Anatomy" have had to

weave a seemingly endless stream of medical cases into the complicated, sexy and often tragic lives of its characters.

The drama has been a darling of broadcast TV and the streaming eras, with roughly 300 hours of content. While bingeable comfort watches such as "Friends" and "Seinfeld" ended long ago, "Grey's

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