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What's News—

Business & Finance World-Wide

- **Banks have floated to federal regulators a proposal on how to pay for a restructuring of the nation's largest financial institutions in the event of a future crisis, a bid to pre-empt tougher rules from officials in Washington. C1**
- **Efforts by the world's central banks to stabilize financial markets have allowed governments to delay necessary overhauls, the BIS warned. A14**
- **Britain's Vodafone, the world's second-largest mobile network operator, offered \$10.1 billion for German cable operator Kabel Deutschland. B3**
- **China took a major step toward giving the yuan a global presence, agreeing a currency-swap agreement with Britain's central bank. C1**
- **Firms listed on China's stock exchanges, under growing financial pressure, received 23% more in government subsidies in 2012 than a year earlier. B1**
- **China's government signaled little respite from the cash crunch that has afflicted the nation's financial system. C3**
- **Facebook is working on a service to showcase news content from users and publishers in a new visual format tailored for mobile devices. B2**
- **U.S. airline passengers have months to wait until new rules are hammered out allowing for use of electronic devices throughout a flight. B1**
- **Organizations around the globe have been hit over the past three years by computer strikes that seem to have originated in India. B1**
- **Closed-end bond funds, a favorite destination for retail investors, have suffered outside losses during a rough month for bond funds overall. C1**
- **Japan is responding to international concerns over its policing of money laundering, amid security lapses at the country's banks. C7**
- **Starbucks said it paid U.K. corporation tax for the first time since 2008, following sustained pressure from the British government. B3**
- **Lebanon's army clashed with a radical Sunni faction. At least 10 soldiers died in fighting with backers of Sunni Sheik al-Assir, a critic of the Syrian regime and of Hezbollah, the Shiite group that has been aiding Assad's forces. The clashes marked the first direct fighting between Lebanon's army and a domestic faction since the Syrian conflict began to spill over. A8**
- **Lebanon's military has been one of the few institutions that has largely remained above the sectarian fray.**
- **NSA leaker Snowden flew to Moscow from Hong Kong as U.S. authorities sought to catch him before what supporters say is his goal of political asylum in Ecuador. A1, A4**
- **South Africa said Mandela has lapsed into critical condition. The 94-year-old former leader has been hospitalized to treat a lung infection. A15**
- **Taliban gunmen stormed the base camp of a Himalayan peak in Pakistani-administered Kashmir, killing 10 mountaineers and a cook. A9**
- **Kerry called on India to forge better relations with Pakistan's new government, as the U.S. secretary of state began a three-day visit to India. A12**
- **India boosted rescue efforts in the Himalayan regions of India and Nepal, as the death toll from floods and landslides rose to at least 739. A12**
- **Palestinian President Abbas accepted Premier Hamdallah's resignation, a blow to Abbas as the U.S. tries to revive Mideast peace talks. A8**
- **A U.S. official plans to meet today with Karzai as Washington rushed to repair ties with Afghanistan after the Taliban opened a Qatar office. A9**
- **Hundreds of firefighters battled blazes in southwestern Colorado that forced more than 5,000 evacuations. A2**
- **Japan's ruling LDP and its coalition ally took control of Tokyo's local assembly. A13**
- **Died: Bobby Bland, 83, singer who blended blues and soul.**



Journalists in Moscow show a picture of Edward Snowden to a passenger who was on a flight from Hong Kong.

Snowden on the Run

Leaker Flees Hong Kong for Moscow, Asks Ecuador for Asylum

A global cat-and-mouse game involving the admitted leaker of National Security Agency secrets exploded into a diplomatic scramble, as U.S. authorities sought to catch Edward Snowden before he reached his next goal: political asylum in Ecuador.

Mr. Snowden's unexpected Sunday flight to Moscow from Hong Kong exposed the apparent limits of America's diplomatic and intelligence-gathering reach. At a time when Mr. Snowden has been the subject of intense interest from U.S. authorities, they were unable to prevent his departure from a jurisdiction generally viewed as friendly to U.S. extradition requests.

Washington had requested Hong Kong arrest Mr. Snowden in anticipation of extradition, and officials including Attorney General Eric Holder had reached out to authorities in the city to urge that request be honored, a U.S. official said. But it wasn't until Mr. Snowden had left for Moscow that the Americans had found out that Hong Kong, a special administrative region of China, viewed their request as "insufficient," the official said.

According to people familiar with the case, the U.S. never asked Interpol, the international police agency, to issue a so-called "red notice" for Mr. Snowden, which would have triggered alerts at airports to delay, if not stop outright, his departure.

The White House early Monday said it expects the Russian government to "look at all options available" to expel Mr. Snowden to the U.S. to face charges, according to Reuters. The White House National Security Council spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden said the

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High Court Comes To Defense Of Business

BY BRENT KENDALL

The Supreme Court strengthened the hand of business in the session that comes to a close this week, making it easier for companies to defend themselves from the kinds of big lawsuits that have bedeviled them for decades.

While the Roberts Court has long been viewed as friendly to business, the court set several notable precedents involving class-action lawsuits where plaintiffs try to pool their claims into one big case.

"This term was a near blood-bath for class-action plaintiffs' lawyers," said Deepak Gupta of Gupta Beck PLLC, who specializes in Supreme Court litigation for plaintiffs. "The court is so hostile to class-actions that any victory for plaintiffs, no matter how straightforward, is a surprise."

The court is set to wrap up its 2012-13 session with closely followed rulings on gay marriage and affirmative action. For business, most of the major verdicts are already in, with the winners including Comcast Corp., American Express Co. and Standard Fire Insurance Co.

In the Comcast case, Philadelphia-area subscribers alleged they paid too much for cable television because the company had engaged in anticompetitive tactics, which Comcast denies. The court's conservative majority said the plaintiffs, seeking to represent some two million cable subscribers in 16 counties, couldn't proceed as a class because they didn't have an acceptable way to determine monetary damages if they won.

Writing for the court, Justice Antonin Scalia offered this reminder: "The class action is an exception to the usual rule that litigation is conducted by and on behalf of the individual named parties only."

In another notable case, involving Royal Dutch Shell PLC, the court made it nearly impossible for litigants to bring U.S. cases alleging corporations were complicit in human-rights abuses abroad. All justices agreed the allegations against Shell, which the company denied, should be dismissed. But the court split 5-4 on broader issues in the case.

While business litigants often found themselves on the winning side of cases under the tenure of former Chief Justice William Rehnquist, they have made advances since Chief Justice John Roberts took the helm in 2005.

The court in its 2010 Citizens United opinion struck down decades-old limits on political

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Slow-Motion U.S. Recovery Searches for Second Gear

BY BRENDA CRONIN

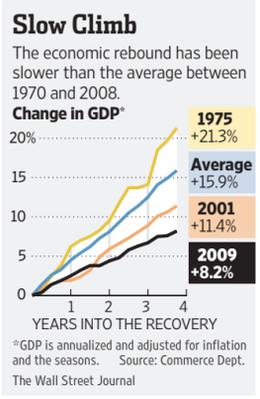
After four bumpy years, the U.S. recovery finally appears to be on a smoother road.

Many economists now predict 2014 will be the best year for growth since 2005, while joblessness is expected to click below 7% next year for the first time since 2008. Houses are selling again, the energy sector is booming and jobs, while not plentiful, are being created at a steady pace. On Wednesday, the Federal Reserve upped its estimate for next year's expansion as well.

There have been earlier waves of optimism that the economy was poised for better growth, and the past week's financial-market turmoil is a reminder that a lot still could go wrong.

News that the Fed could start dialing back stimulus later this year sent the Dow Jones Industrial

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Average down 2.34% on Thursday. The average closed at 14799.40 Friday, down 1.80% for the week. A persistent decline in stock prices or faster-than-expected increases in mortgage and other long-term interest rates could slow the recovery.

It has been a long haul. The recovery that began in June 2009 has been painfully slow. Jobs, median household income, industrial production and home prices still haven't returned to the levels they were at before the recession.

But despite the weak pace of overall growth, the recovery has proved surprisingly resilient. The economy has absorbed a series of shocks, from tax hikes to a tsunami in Japan, without getting knocked off course or falling back into recession. And crucially, inflation remains low.

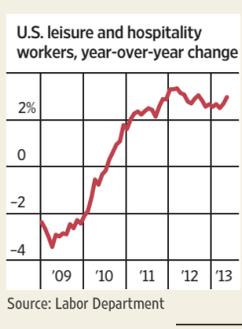
"The good news is if [the recovery] continues to ratchet up gradually," the economy could see

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What's Ahead—

- ◆ The Commerce Department posts its final revision of first-quarter GDP.
 - ◆ European Union leaders gather in Brussels for a two-day summit.
 - ◆ Reports on jobless claims for the latest week and personal income and spending for May are due from the U.S.
 - ◆ The National Association of Realtors releases its index of pending home sales.
 - ◆ The University of Michigan issues its final reading of consumer sentiment for June.
- For the week ahead in corporate news, see page B2.

Vital Signs



◆ **Summer is here** and 69% of American adults plan to travel this season, up from 51% in the summer of 2010, according to the American Express Spending and Saving Tracker. Those travelers will be helped by leisure and hospitality employees, whose ranks have climbed to 14.1 million at the end of May, up 2.96% from 13.7 million a year ago. Spending on summer travel is expected to average \$1,145 a person, AmEx said.

Listen, Pilgrim, Maybe It Should Be Called Harwich Rock

Another English Town Tries to Claim The Mayflower, and Tourism, From Plymouth

BY PETER EVANS

HARWICH, England—A disagreement between two sleepy English seaside towns could make a splash across the Atlantic: by forcing a rewrite of American history.

For 393 years, the southwest England town of Plymouth has been celebrated as the last port of call of the Mayflower before the ship carried the first Pilgrim settlers to what was to become the United States of America. But that is only part of the story. Plymouth's fame has come at the expense of this tiny town to the northeast of London. The reason: The Mayflower was built and originally set sail from here before making an unscheduled stop at Plymouth. Now, after

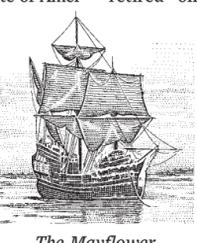
nearly four centuries, Harwich wants a slice of the historical action. It is building a \$3.3 million replica of the Mayflower to send back across the Atlantic.

The project, spearheaded by retired oil executive Andrew March, is part of Harwich's campaign to reclaim its lost heritage by 2020, the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's original journey. Using 400 tons of English oak and an army of young shipbuilders, Mr. March hopes to launch Harwich, pop. 15,000, onto the world stage.

"We are planning to get a little bit of our share of history," says Mr. March. "Harwich was the probable birthplace of the Mayflower," he adds.

Harwich, on the east coast of

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The Mayflower

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