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What's News

Business & Finance

OPEC members rejected calls for drastic action to cut oil output, keeping their production ceiling unchanged. Crude prices tumbled. **A1**

The holiday-shopping season will test how aggressively Americans are willing to spend and how much momentum the U.S. economy has. **B1**

Sales of new homes in the U.S. remain sluggish despite low interest rates and a healing labor market. **A2**

China is getting close to launching a long-anticipated deposit-insurance system, a move that would inject greater risk into the banking sector. **C1**

Eurozone government-bond yields hit record lows amid growing expectations the ECB will buy sovereign debt. **C4**

A top EU official survived a no-confidence vote over his involvement in tax practices in his native Luxembourg. **A10**

Two music publishers sued cable giant Cox, claiming it is deliberately turning a blind eye to illegal downloading. **B1**

Honda recalled a batch of Accord passenger cars in 2002 for Takata air bags at risk of rupturing. **B3**

The estranged wife of U.K. hedge-fund tycoon Christopher Hohn was awarded a \$530 million divorce payout. **C2**

AT&T backed off a threat to freeze the rollout of ultrafast Internet service due to uncertainty around net neutrality. **B3**

U.S. pilots and air-traffic controllers are increasingly seeing drones flying near aircraft. **B4**

World-Wide

Europe escalated its war against U.S. tech superpowers as France, Germany and the European Parliament backed fresh efforts to rein in the firms' growing influence. **A1**

U.S. and European officials see a continuing effort by hard-line factions in Iran to sabotage nuclear talks. **A8**

The Pentagon is preparing to transfer additional detainees from the Guantanamo Bay prison in coming weeks. **A4**

The Obama administration is set to release energy regulations that will prompt pushback from industry and lawmakers. **A4**

HealthCare.gov enrollments got off to a better start this year, with about 222,000 new sign-ups in the first week. **A3**

Legal immigrants are running into fresh problems signing up through the site. **A3**

Ferguson, Mo., residents came out on Thanksgiving to clean up debris. Business owners are vowing to rebuild. **A7**

Mexico's president proposed a series of measures to confront lawlessness, starting with local police corruption. **A11**

Israel said it uncovered a network of Hamas militants in the West Bank with links to Turkey and Jordan. **A9**

Justice Ginsburg was released from the hospital after having a heart procedure. **A4**

A possible Ebola vaccine appears to be safe in early testing, NIH researchers said. **A6**

Died: P.D. James, 94, crime novelist. **A10** ... **Phillip Hughes, 25,** cricket star. **D9**

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Thanksgiving Cheer for Troops Far From Home



HOLIDAY IN AFGHANISTAN: Military members celebrate Thanksgiving Day at the headquarters of the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul.

Europe Targets U.S. Web Firms

France, Germany Want to Expand Regulation of Google, Apple, Facebook, Amazon

By SAM SCHECHNER

Europe escalated its war against U.S. technology superpowers as the Continent's two largest economies and the European Parliament on Thursday backed fresh efforts to rein in the growing influence of companies such as Apple Inc., Facebook Inc. and Google Inc.

France and Germany asked the European Union to look into new competition rules and other

regulations that better target the business practices of large technology firms. At the same time, the European Parliament overwhelmingly approved a resolution that calls for a possible breakup of Google.

The moves came a day after Europe's privacy regulators asked Google and others to extend the EU's new "right to be forgotten" to their websites outside Europe and follows a push by U.K. lawmakers to have so-

cial-media firms do more to comb their services for extremist content.

Apple, Facebook and Google declined to comment.

European authorities have increasingly chafed at the dominance of U.S. Internet firms in their markets. These Silicon Valley companies have huge revenue and global reach, but officials say they pay relatively little in corporate income taxes and slip beyond the reach of some

national regulations.

"Internet companies are disrupting the hierarchy of governance," said James Waterworth, head of the European office for Computer & Communications Industry Association, a U.S.-based trade group. "National governments can't keep up with them in the same way as they have, and they are scrambling to reas-

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◆ U.K. presses Internet firms.... B4
◆ Heard on the Street..... C8

Democratic Rifts Bubble Up In Wake of Election Defeat

Long-muted tensions within the Democratic Party over policy and strategy are beginning to surface publicly, a sign of leaders looking beyond President Barack Obama's tenure in the aftermath of the party's midterm election defeat.

By Peter Nicholas, Stobhan Hughes and Byron Tau

A prominent example came this week, when Sen. Chuck Schumer (D., N.Y.), a member of the Senate leadership, gave a rare public rebuke to Mr. Obama over the centerpiece of his presidency: the health-care overhaul of 2010. Mr. Schumer said the party should have focused on helping a broader swath of the

middle class than the uninsured, whom he called "a small percentage of the electorate."

On the same day, the White House surprised Democratic leaders in the Senate by threatening to veto a tax package negotiated by both parties. The White House said the deal would help "well-connected corporations while neglecting working families."

The twin developments were among fissures within the party that, at their broadest level, show Democrats at odds over what economic message to present to voters ahead of the 2016 presidential race. Worried that they lacked a compelling position in the midterms, Democrats are split over whether to advance a centrist message or a

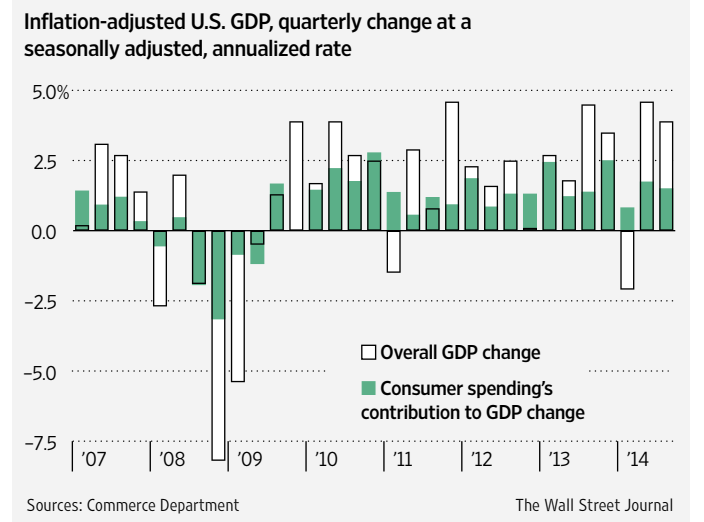
more populist economic argument that casts everyday families as victims of overly powerful corporations and benighted government policies.

"You're going to get a fight within the Democratic Party," said Rep. Jerry Nadler (D., N.Y.), as the progressive wing of the party splits from centrists, who fear that liberal economic policy proposals are unpalatable to most voters. "There is a substantial disagreement coming up."

Democratic infighting has largely been out of public view for the last half-dozen years. Since Mr. Obama took office, Republicans have been the ones dealing with rifts. A conservative Tea Party wing clashed with mainstream Republicans in pri-

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All Eyes on America's Shoppers



STIMULUS SPENDING: Consumer spending in coming weeks will help determine the year-end momentum of the U.S. economy, a crucial variable for the world economy as Europe sputters and China slows. **B1**

RISKY BUSINESS

New Entrepreneurs Find Pain in Spain

By MATT MOFFETT

MADRID—Consider Juan Pedro Mellinas an accidental entrepreneur. He started Eternalia, a company that tends to grave sites, in 2011 after losing a white-collar marketing job. Eternalia now has franchises in six cities. But other laid-off Spaniards are muscling in on his turf, and Mr. Mellinas doesn't yet have enough business to pay staff to do the cleaning at his local cemetery.

César Martín started a digital education venture, Sapeando, after he lost his photo-editing job. The site was a hit, with one how-to video on hip-hop dancing capturing 2.5 million views. Still, he couldn't find sufficient advertisers or a bank lender. So he is throwing in the towel.

Gerard Vidal formed a data-encryption firm, Enigmedia, when he couldn't find an employer looking

for a Ph.D. in physics. But even a physicist was perplexed by the paperwork involved in starting a company in Spain, and the launch was delayed months by a process he calls "illogical, inefficient and totally frustrating."

For many in the eurozone, where government budget cuts and corporate layoffs have left more than 18 million people out of work, the only way to find work is to create their own jobs. But these inexperienced entrepreneurs are flying into harsh headwinds.

Scarce capital, dense bureaucracy, a culture deeply averse to risk and a cratered consumer market all suppress startups in Europe. The Global Entrepreneurship Monitor, a survey of startup activity, found the percentage of the adult population involved in early stage entrepreneurial activity last year was just 5% in Germany, 4.6% Please turn to page A12

Peruvian Potatoes Pack a Peck of Problems

Jasper the Beagle Sniffs Out Spud Smugglers; 'The Star of the Dish'

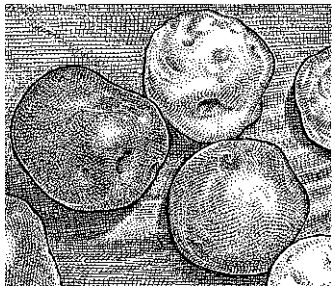
By LESLIE JOSEPHS

Edilberto Soto was nabbed at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport last month with a five-kilo haul from Peru.

The contraband: A rainbow-colored assortment of potatoes from the Andean highlands, near where the tuber was first cultivated millennia ago.

"They took them away from us," says Mr. Soto, a potato grower who had planned on showcasing the spuds at a food show in Brooklyn.

By "they" Mr. Soto was referring to America's line of defense against the illicit entry of food products: a team of agricultural specialists and customs officers who use a floppy-eared beagle—wearing a dark blue vest emblazoned with the words "Protecting American Agriculture"—to sniff out contraband, and a massive



Peruvian potatoes

industrial grinder to destroy it.

One agricultural specialist, Fred Skolnick, a deputy chief, says he sympathizes with offenders for their motives. "People are passionate about food," he says. "You try taking a salami away from an Italian."

The illegal foodstuffs are confiscated and passengers could be levied a \$300 fine for the infraction, but Mr. Skolnick says that rarely happens. Instead, he says,

the JFK team gives suspected perps 10 chances to amend their customs declaration to admit they are carrying agricultural products. (Agents keep trying: "Are you sure you don't have anything in your bag?...Looks like you might have something, are you sure?")

Even so, Mr. Skolnick has developed a keen eye for spotting potential smugglers. "Old women in wheelchairs—that's my first stop," he says.

In his more than three decades on the job, he says, he has uncovered "whole cow heads, whole sheep heads" and "women wearing salami under their coat."

The authorities' aim is simple: protect U.S. agriculture from diseases.

Potatoes are notorious pest-carriers, as their thin skin and the dirt that clings to it can carry

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