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## What's News—

### Business & Finance

Federal prosecutors charged a cadre of Eastern European hackers with stealing credit-card information and other personal data from companies including Nasdaq OMX, J.C. Penney and 7-Eleven in a computer crime spree that ran for over half a decade and netted hundreds of millions of dollars. B1

SAC was accused by U.S. prosecutors of acting as a criminal enterprise where executives including founder Steven A. Cohen encouraged insider trading. A1, A6, C1

Fed officials at a meeting next week will debate changes to the way they describe plans for their bond-buying program and short-term rates. A2

Senate Democrats are circulating a letter urging the president to appoint Janet Yellen to succeed Ben Bernanke as Fed chairman. A2

Samsung said its quarterly net profit climbed 50% on solid smartphone sales, but earnings momentum showed signs of slowing. B3

Amazon.com reported a surprise second-quarter loss, and the company's famously razor-thin operating margins are narrowing. B4

Stocks edged higher, with trading dominated by a surge in Facebook. The Dow industrials gained 13.37

### World-Wide

Holder announced a new election-oversight strategy. The move follows a Supreme Court ruling that invalidated part of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. It is directed initially at Texas but other states, including South Carolina, North Carolina and Alaska, are expected to come under scrutiny. The attorney general said the Justice Department would invoke a little-used section of the voting law to replace the measure the justices struck down. A1

The new approach, which will likely lead to court fights, drew immediate condemnation from Texas Gov. Perry.

Manning was bent on harming the U.S. by leaking sensitive documents to WikiLeaks, prosecutors said in closing arguments at the soldier's trial. A3

Obama accused House Republicans of undermining his proposals aimed at helping the middle class, as he positioned himself for budget fights. A4

A secularist politician was shot and killed in Tunisia, sparking antigovernment protests and threatening to further instability. A8

China's news agency unveiled an indictment carrying relatively narrow corruption charges against former Communist official Bo Xilai. A14

A rail-crash probe in Spain is looking at excessive speed

## SAC Hit With Criminal Case

Prosecutor Calls Hedge Fund 'Magnet for Market Cheaters'; Firm Denies Wrongdoing

By JENNY STRASBURG AND JAMES STERNGLD

U.S. prosecutors accused SAC Capital Advisors LP, one of the country's largest hedge-fund firms, of acting as a criminal enterprise where executives including founder Steven A. Cohen encouraged insider trading on a "scale without known precedent."

The government charged that SAC, which has about \$14 billion under management, repeatedly

took inside information related to public companies and turned it into trading profits. Prosecutors said the firm encouraged the use of illegal tips and hired traders even after they "implied" their performance was based on the use of inside information.

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara, at a news conference Thursday, called the company a "magnet for market cheaters."

An SAC spokesman said Thursday the firm "never encouraged, promoted or tolerated

insider trading and takes its compliance and management obligations seriously."

The Wall Street Journal previously reported that the government was planning criminal charges against SAC, but the scope of the action and the language used by prosecutors caught many lawyers and financial executives by surprise. The government's bold move comes after prosecutors determined they didn't have sufficient evidence to personally charge

Mr. Cohen, according to people familiar with the matter.

Mr. Cohen has denied wrongdoing for years and has the financial resources to marshal a vigorous defense of his name-sake firm.

In a civil action filed alongside the criminal charges, the

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## Assassination Roils Birthplace of Arab Spring



## U.S. Aims To Reassert Federal Voting Oversight

By DEVLIN BARRETT

The Obama administration moved to retain some oversight of the way states conduct elections after the Supreme Court invalidated part of the landmark 1965 Voting Rights Act, setting up a new fight with Republican governors.

The legal strategy, announced by Attorney General Eric Holder Thursday, is directed initially at

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**HEARD & SCENE**

## Taking Bites Out of the Batali Cookbook

By MICHAEL MERCHANT



When right: May Seaport and Watermark opened a dinner table, celebrating their move to Midtown Manhattan. From left: Adam Brown and Steve Vitale (Seaport) host of the dinner; May and Steve Vitale with May Day Day and Sara Day and Lorianne Kugel, top photo of the table.

Designer Katie Gallagher, Rosario Dawson and DJ Cory Kennedy.

## New Bar Makes a Mark On the Waterfront

By MIKE VILESNEY

It's chill vibes," said Cory Kennedy. "It's chill, classic vibes."

Ms. Kennedy, the Internet-personality-turned-DJ, was selecting the soundtrack Wednesday evening for the latest Manhattan bar opening: Watermark, an establishment atop a pier near South Street Seaport.

Even before guests took a bite of a Watermark's sliders, they were inclined to like the place if only for its fortunate, waterfront location.

"I think it's gorgeous," Ms. Kennedy said. "If you could only get this space with this weather all of the time."

She selected "California Dreamin'" from a playlist, in her capacity as DJ, as if to underscore her point.

The bar and restaurant that bubbled up this year by the South Street Seaport did so with buzz. Locals wondered: Would the glass structures on the pier become another upscale burger joint or a swanky after-hours hangout?

Watermark, during its opening party, appeared to be perhaps both.

It is a relatively rare waterfront eat-and-drink spot that aims to cater to Lower Man-

hattan locals, rather than the out-of-towners the area tends to draw, and the opening event sought to mark (and market) the bar's entry into the crowded world of New York City dining.

"The Seaport was maybe a bit touristy in the past," said Abraham Merchant, a restaurateur and co-owner of the space. "We wanted to give this beautiful architecture to locals." (Mr. Merchant is a Battery Park resident himself.)

Not all of those locals were invited past the velvet ropes and red carpet and into the restaurant for the space's opening party, but actress Rosario Dawson and designer Katie Gallagher breezed through. Mr. Merchant said Ms. Dawson is a friend of a friend. Nonetheless Ms. Kennedy had a point: amid lobster rolls and rosé, the party did indeed have "chill vibes." Magazine editors and 20-somethings turned up to gossip while gazing at the view of Brooklyn and beyond on the outdoor pavilion.

Telly Hayzigeorgiou, another co-owner, compared the evening to night life in his native Greece.

Manhattan, after all, is a "beautiful, beautiful island," he said.

## Summer Soiree Benefits Winter Rink

By MICHAEL MERCHANT

The Wednesday evening, a high-profile party raised money for the winter skating rink on the pier. The night, from 7 to 11 p.m., was a benefit for the rink, which is set to open in the fall. The party was held at the Watermark restaurant, which is set to open in the fall. The party was held at the Watermark restaurant, which is set to open in the fall.

Below right: Events include artists at the Pier 59 Park Museum's Summer Soiree, seen above left. Below: Rosario Dawson and Lorianne Kugel. Below left: Charlotte Gainsbourg becomes photo-session theme.