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Wall Street bounces back after tumultuous week

Stock Market

(Reuters) - Wall Street's three major indexes rebounded on Monday with broad-based gains as investors regained some confidence after U.S. equities' biggest weekly drop in two years, but strategists stopped short of calling an end to the market pullback. The announcement of President Donald Trump's budget, including an infrastructure spending plan, helped sectors such as S&P materials and industrials. But the bigger factor was likely the S&P's test and rebound from a key technical level on Friday when it briefly fell 11.8 percent from its Jan. 26 record and below its 200-day moving average during that session, according to strategists. "Investors probably were mulling things over the weekend and concluded that the economy is fairly strong, earnings are holding up, so there's no particular reason to panic or sell. So some money probably came back into the market," said John Carey, portfolio manager at Amundi Pioneer Asset Management in Boston. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 410.37 points, or 1.7 percent, to 24,601.27, the S&P 500 gained 36.45 points, or 1.39 percent, to 2,656 and the Nasdaq Composite added 107.47 points, or 1.56 percent, to 6,981.96. Michael Purves, chief global strategist at Weeden & Co in New York, said Monday's move showed "big, fast,

money saying, 'Wait a second, buy this dip.'" "You test the key support level and go back and test it again, which is what we did on Friday," he said. But while last week's panic selling appeared to be done, strategists were not calling an end to the pullback. The S&P still closed 7.6 percent below its Jan. 26 record closing high. It confirmed a correction on Thursday, when it dropped 10 percent below the record. Jeff Schulze, investment strategist, at Clearbridge Investments, in New York is expecting more volatility "as the tug-of-war from short-term negative price momentum is put up against the long-term fundamentals." He said "the long-term fundamentals will win out, but I think volatility will also be part of that equation." All the S&P 500's major 11 sectors rose, though bond-proxy sectors real estate, utilities and telecommunications services underperformed as investors monitored rising interest rates after U.S. 10-year Treasury yields hit a new four-year high of 2.902 earlier in the day. The S&P materials sector was the biggest percentage gainer with a 2.1 percent rise followed by a 1.8 percent gain in information technology Stocks were helped a little by Trump's budget proposal for fiscal 2019, which includes \$200 billion for infrastructure spending, more than \$23 billion for border security and immigration enforcement, as well as \$716 billion for military programs, includ-



People walk on Wall St. in front of the NYSE in New York

ing the U.S. nuclear arsenal. The CBOE Volatility Index, the most widely followed barometer of expected near-term stock market volatility, ended down 3.45 points at 25.61, its lowest close since Feb. 2. The market took fright after strong wage-growth data on Feb. 2 raised the specter of rising inflation and fears of accelerated interest rate hikes, which ignited a rally in bond yields and a sell-off in stocks. The S&P's biggest boosts from single stocks came from Apple Inc, which rose 4 percent,

and Amazon.com, which ended up 3.5 percent. Advancing issues outnumbered declining ones on the NYSE by a 2.80-to-1 ratio; on Nasdaq, a 1.90-to-1 ratio favored advancers. The S&P 500 posted one new 52-week high and eight new lows; the Nasdaq Composite recorded 24 new highs and 43 new lows. About 8.13 billion shares changed hands on U.S. exchanges compared with the 8.5 billion average for the last 20 trading days.

Small earthquake rattles China's capital, Beijing

BELJING (Reuters) - A rare small earthquake rattled the Chinese capital Beijing on Monday, centered in an area just south of the city in the neighboring province of Hebei. The government said the 4.3 magnitude quake's epicenter was in a county that is part of Hebei's Langfang city. There were no immediate reports of any damage. Buildings in Beijing shook very slightly. China is frequently hit by earthquakes, many centered in the



southwest of the country. Northern China is much more rarely affected although in 1976, the Tangshan earthquake, just to the east of Beijing, killed up to 300,000 people. work congestion in the local area.

Weinstein Co deal should include more funds for victims: New York AG

NEW YORK (Reuters) - New York's attorney general said on Monday a deal for the Weinstein Company should include a bigger compensation fund for victims of ex-chairman Harvey Weinstein, speaking a day after the state's lawsuit scuttled a deal. The film and TV studio was close to inking a deal on Sunday to sell itself for more than \$500 million to an investor group led by Maria Contreras-Sweet, a former official in President Barack Obama's administration, when New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman filed a civil rights lawsuit against the company. People familiar with the matter said the lawsuit put sale negotiations on hold.

Schneiderman said he wants the "facts of our complaint factored into whatever deal is structured going forward." The lawsuit does not block the sale but creates liabilities that make it difficult to finalize. A sale to Contreras-Sweet is now unlikely to advance, sources told Reuters. The Weinstein Company did not immediately return a request for comment. A representative for Contreras-Sweet declined to comment. The Weinstein Company has been seeking a deal that would spare it from bankruptcy after more than 70 women accused Harvey Weinstein, once one of Hollywood's most influential men, of sexual misconduct including rape. Weinstein denies having non-consensual sex with

anyone. Schneiderman said at a press conference on Monday that he wanted to ensure a dedicated victim's compensation fund that would not be gobbled up by legal fees and other expenses. Contreras-Sweet had proposed about \$30 million for victims in her initial bid made late last year, Reuters reported. A sale should also not reward executives including Chief Operating Officer David Glasser, who supervised the human resources department and was in charge of handling dozens of complaints, Schneiderman said. Contreras-Sweet's offer called for Glasser to be the CEO of the new company, Schneiderman said.

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Pictured is Credit reporting company Equifax Inc. corporate offices in Atlanta, Georgia.

Additional information, including tax IDs and driver's license details, may have been accessed in a hack that affected 145.5 million customers, according to confidential documents Equifax provided to the Senate Banking Committee seen by CNN. The disclosure follows Equifax (EFX)'s original announcement of the breach in September, which compromised sensitive data like names, date of birth, Social Security numbers and home addresses. In its original announcement of the hack, the company had revealed that some driver's license numbers were exposed. The new documents show that the license state and issue date might have also been compromised. Equifax spokesperson Meredith Griffanti told CN-Money Friday that the original list of vulnerable personal information was never intended to represent the full list of potentiality exposed information. The new documents now raise questions of how much information hackers may have accessed in Equifax's cyberattack. Democratic Senator Elizabeth Warren on Friday sent a letter to CEO Paulino do Rego Barros Jr. on the incomplete information provided to Congress following a story in The Wall Street Journal.



"As your company continues to issue incomplete, confusing and contradictory statements and hide information from Congress and the public, it is clear that five months after the breach was publicly announced, Equifax has yet to answer this simple question in full: what was the precise extent of the breach?" Warren wrote in the letter. In its response to lawmakers, Equifax said the pieces of information compiled is "not exhaustive," but represents common personal information that hackers usually search for. Criminals can use personal information like this to open bank accounts and lines of credit, like a credit card or mortgage, without the victim's knowledge. "The more information scammers have about you, the easier it is for them to impersonate you," said Lauren Saunders, associate director at the National Consumer Law Center. "And the easier it is for them to get by the protocols that banks and others use to make sure they are dealing with the right individual." The unauthorized access occurred from May through July 2017. The hackers exploited a website application vulnerability to gain access to the files, according to the company.



Equifax is one of the three national credit bureaus,

along with TransUnion and Experian. The agencies gather information on individuals to create credit reports, which lenders use to determine the risk of a potential borrower. The agencies gather the information to create the reports from a slew of different sources, including banks, credit card companies, retailers and public records. Federal agencies, state officials and members of Congress are currently probing Equifax over its data security practices, customer service response and the possibility of insider trading from executives. In response to the breach, Equifax offered free credit freezes through June 30. Freezing your credit helps prevent new accounts being opened in your name. Keep in mind that if you actually need a home loan, new credit card or want to open a bank account, the freeze will need to be lifted.

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The Hacks That Left The Public Exposed In 2017
Bombshell hacks were revealed one after another in 2017, from an Equifax breach that compromised almost half the country to global ransom campaigns that cost companies millions of dollars. The cyberattacks highlighted the alarming vulnerability of our personal information. More tools used by government hackers have become public, and it's easier than ever to create sophisticated ways to spread malware or ransomware or steal data from companies. Companies also frequently fail to patch security flaws in a timely manner.



And there's more to come. "As we do more and more of our business online, and as criminals realize the value of the data that organizations are protecting, we're seeing more big-name breaches, more high-profile breaches," says Mark Nunnikhoven, vice president of cloud research at the security company Trend Micro. In particular, ransomware -- when hackers demand money to unlock files -- is becoming more common. An analysis from anti-virus software firm Bitdefender found ransomware payments hit \$2 billion in 2017, twice as much as in 2016. Meanwhile, Trend Micro predicts global losses from another growing trend, compromised business email scams, will exceed \$9 billion next year.

The Major Hacks Of 2017

Equifax

Hacking Breach May Have Exposed More Personal Information Of Customers

Equifax Hack Could Be Worse Than Originally Thought

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Cybercriminals penetrated Equifax (EFX), one of the largest credit bureaus, in July and stole the personal data of 145 million people. It was considered among the worst breaches of all time because of the amount of sensitive information exposed, including Social Security numbers. The company only revealed the hack two months later. It could have an impact for years because the stolen data could be used for identity theft. The Equifax breach raised concerns over the amount of information data brokers collect on consumers, which can range from public records to mailing addresses, birth dates and other personal details. Firms like Equifax, TransUnion and Experian sell that data to customers, such as banks, landlords and employers, so they can learn more about you. Whether data brokers do enough to keep that private information secure is under scrutiny. Former Equifax CEO Richard Smith, who stepped down after the breach was revealed, testified to Congress and blamed the security failure on one person who had since been fired. The public still doesn't know who is responsible for the hack.



A Yahoo bombshell

Parent company Verizon (VZ) announced in October that every one of Yahoo's 3 billion accounts was hacked in 2013 -- three times what was first thought. In November, former Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer told Congress that the company only found out about the breach in 2016, when it reported that 1 billion accounts were hacked. The company still does not know who was responsible. Separately, a Canadian hacker pleaded guilty this year to his role in another major Yahoo security breach from 2014. That one compromised 500 million Yahoo accounts. He will be sentenced in February.

Leaked government tools

In April, an anonymous group called the Shadow Brokers leaked a suite of hacking tools widely believed to belong to the National Security Agency. The tools allowed hackers to compromise a variety of Windows servers and Windows operating systems, including Windows 7 and Windows 8. Microsoft said it had released patches for the security holes in March. But many businesses had not patched their software. The tools Shadow Brokers leaked were then used in the year's biggest global cyberattacks, including WannaCry. In March, WikiLeaks released documents that

claimed to describe hacking tools created by the CIA. Researchers found that many of the exploits were old and imitated hacks that were made public years ago.



WannaCry

WannaCry, which spanned more than 150 countries, leveraged some of the leaked NSA tools. In May, the ransomware targeted businesses running outdated Windows software and locked down computer systems. The hackers behind WannaCry demanded money to unlock files. More than 300,000 machines were hit across numerous industries, including health care and car companies. There was a human cost: In Britain, hospitals with locked computers were forced to close temporarily. One patient told CNN his cancer surgery was delayed. Nunnikhoven, from Trend Micro, says it's an example of an Internet of Things hack with major consequences. The Internet of Things refers to everyday devices, beyond traditional computers and phones, that connect to the internet. The WannaCry infections were so bad that, in an unusual move, Microsoft released a patch for Windows.



downs systems that it had stopped updating. The cyberattack has been linked to North Korea. Additional attacks included the NotPetya attack in the Ukraine that caused a \$300 million loss to FedEx. The Bad Rabbit ransomware attack infected computers in the Ukraine, Turkey and Germany.

Voter records exposed

In June, a security researcher discovered almost 200 million voter records exposed online after a GOP data firm misconfigured a security setting in its Amazon cloud storage service. It was the latest in a string of major breaches stemming from insecure Amazon servers where data is stored. They are secure by default, but Chris Vickery, a researcher at cybersecurity firm UpGuard, regularly finds that companies set it up wrong. Verizon and the U.S. Department of Defense also had data exposed on Amazon servers.

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Hacks target school districts U.S. Department of Education warns

The U.S. Department of Education warned teachers, parents, and K-12 education staff of a cyberthreat that targeted school districts across the country in October. In one Montana school district, parents and students feared for their safety after a hacker group sent threatening text messages as a part of an extortion campaign. The group, dubbed The Dark Overlord, stole information on students, teachers and other district employees. They asked for money to destroy the files. Schools closed for three days. The same group was responsible for stealing information from Netflix's production partners and leaking episodes of Netflix's "Orange is the New Black" after the company refused to pay ransom.

An Uber coverup

In 2016, hackers stole the data of 57 million Uber customers, and the company paid them \$100,000 to cover it up. The breach wasn't made public until this November, when it was revealed by new Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi.



Now Uber is facing questions from lawmakers. Three senators introduced a bill that could make

executives face jail time for knowingly covering up data breaches. City attorneys in Los Angeles and Chicago and the Washington state attorney general are suing Uber over the breach.

Looking ahead

Expect even more of this in 2018. Nunnikhoven predicts attacks on the Internet of Things will keep hitting industries including airlines, manufacturing and cars as they rely more on so-called smart technology. "They face the same cybersecurity challenges that our laptops and our phones do, but they're attached to real things in the real world," he said. "If someone hacks my laptop, my data is at risk. But if someone hacks a robotic manufacturing arm, that entire manufacturing line is at risk." The year's breaches may ultimately change consumer behavior. They proved Social Security numbers and birthdays might not be the best form of secure identification. Criminals buy and sell those numbers for fairly low prices, along with other personal information like addresses, emails and passwords. Lawmakers are also proposing legislation to combat data breaches. In the meantime, businesses and people are at least more aware of security risks. "The number of high-profile international breaches has been a wake-up call this year to businesses that security is a top-level item," Nunnikhoven said. "It affects the bottom line." (Courtesy http://money.cnn.com)

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A Snapshot Of The World



Pastor Eddie Anderson, leads a chant with fast-food workers and supporters during a protest outside a McDonald’s restaurant in Los Angeles



Snowboarding - Pyeongchang 2018 Winter Olympics - Women’s Halfpipe Qualification - Phoenix Snow Park - Pyeongchang, South Korea - February 12, 2018 - Chloe Kim of the U.S. reacts after her run. REUTERS/Mike Blake



Former U.S. President Obama attends Obamas' portrait unveiling at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery in Washington



South African Deputy-President Cyril Ramaphosa addresses a rally to commemorate Nelson Mandela’s centenary year in Cape Town



Ice Hockey – Pyeongchang 2018 Winter Olympics – Women Preliminary Round Match - Sweden v Korea - Kwandong Hockey Centre, Gangneung, South Korea – February 12, 2018 - Fans wave Korean Unification Flags. REUTERS/Grigory Dukor



Cross-Country Skiing Ð Pyeongchang 2018 Winter Olympics Ð Men’s 15km + 15km Skiathlon Ð Alpensia Cross-Country Skiing Centre Ð Pyeongchang, South Korea Ð February 11, 2018 - A combination picture shows (L-R, top to bottom) Martin Johnsrud Sundby of Norway, Ales Razym of Czech Republic, Hans Christer Holund of Norway, Thomas Bing of Germany, Daniel Rickardsson of Sweden, Dario Cologna of Switzerland, Max Hauke of Austria, Maurice Manificat of France, Patrick Caldwell of the U.S., Kim Eun-ho of South Korea, Iivo Niskanen of Finland and Wang Qiang of China in action. REUTERS/



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A couple kisses in the rain in Times Square in New York



Model Gigi Hadid is prepared backstage before the Brandon Maxwell Fall/Winter 2018 collection presentation at New York Fashion Week in Manhattan, New York

The Nigerian bobsled team is a longshot for a medal at the Olympics, but their Cinderella story has turned them into stars on two continents. Seun Adigun, Ngozi Onwumere and Akuoma Omeoga are Americans who live and train in Houston. But they are competing for their parents' native homeland of Nigeria.

They've already made history as the first bobsled team from Africa ever to qualify for the Winter Olympics.



Nigeria's "Ice Blazers" are ready to make history at the Winter Olympics.

Adigun, the driving force behind the team, was a track star for the UH Cougars and competed in track for Nigeria in the 2012 Summer Olympics.

She admits she didn't know much about bobsled when she decided to give it a whirl after cheering on friends.

"I thought, hmm, I'm getting a little bit of this Olympic fever again," Adigun told the New York Times.

A few months later, she went to Dallas to try out for the U.S. team and made it.



The Nigerian bobsled team on their homemade practice sled at UH.

Adigun built a sled from wood to practice on the University of Houston campus.

"I just went for like two or three days straight, just hammering and drilling and sawing this wooden sled together," Adigun told CBS News.

She named the sled the Maeflower after her late sister.

After competing for the U.S. team for a year, Adigun recruited Onwumere and Omeoga — also former track stars -- to form a team for Nigeria.

The Team Has Already Made History As The First Bobsled Team From Africa Ever To Qualify For The Winter Olympics

Houston Olympians: Meet The Nigerian Bobsled Team

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The Nigerian bobsled team at the Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony.



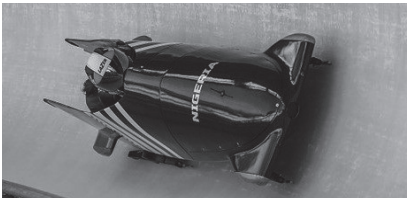
The Nigerian bobsled team holding the Nigerian colors at the Winter Olympics.

Before long, they were hooked too. But the 85 mph speeds can be terrifying.

"Every time we cross the finish line, I'm screaming, 'Thank God we survived!'" Adigun said.

The women went to Nigeria last spring to promote the sport. They were greeted by enthusiastic crowds everywhere they went.

"To bring us in with such open arms and accept what we're doing as almost heroic," Adigun told Time. "It was just beautiful to get that vibe."



Nigeria's team leader and driver

"I ended up doing really well and was invited to train with the U.S. team. I was a member of the U.S. team for a year when I learned that Nigeria had never had a bobsled team, and then I found out that Africa had never been represented by any man or woman in this sport at all.



The Nigerian bobsled team simulating competition with a wooden box.

"I built this bobsled out of wood to simulate the bobsled in Lake Placid, where I trained with the U.S. team. I named it the Maeflower, after my late sister — we used to call her Mae-Mae. I persuaded two of the track-and-field athletes I knew in Houston to be on the team and be my brakemen.

"We trained in Houston, but we've also done some runs at Lake Placid. This past week I had some form of frostbite after 15 minutes outside for one run. My fingers hurt so bad I couldn't even move them. My whole hand swelled up, and I couldn't feel my hands. It's been a week, and I still can't feel the tips of my fingers. I'm learning new things in this sport all the time, and I have to mentally get over the hump, even if my sense of touch is not optimal.



Seun Adigun (right) and Ngozi Onwumere simulating a bobsled run at the University of Houston's

track-and-field complex in December.

"When I switched from the U.S. team to the Nigerian team, I moved from the brakes to the driver's seat, from having no control to having all the control. You see everything. As prep, I walk the entire length of the ice track. I memorize every curve. Most tracks have 14 to 20 different curves, and I have to do all of those steers in about 60 seconds. I have to lock in and focus. I can't be distracted at any point because the turns are whipping around so fast.



From left: Akuoma Omeoga, Adigun, and Onwumere.

"I've gone about 90 m.p.h., and it feels insane and crazy. It's not just the speed; it's the G-forces. A lot of times when I survive the run, I think: Thank God, and then the next thing I think is: Did I beat up my brakeman? Because they're essentially trying to be a dead weight. They're sacrificing themselves so that I can navigate us both down the track. My hope is that I didn't make the ride brutal by hitting all the walls.



Seun Adigun holds the Nigerian national flag in Lagos, Nigeria, on February 2, 2018. (Photo/Getty Images)

"After we qualified, there was this uproar within Nigeria, the Nigerian diaspora, non-Nigerian people. People were really excited that there was a winter effort and something positive happening for Nigeria. We are this Cinderella story, and we didn't really mean it to be this. It comes with a lot more pressure, but I'm not thinking about it that way. I put a plan down, and I am ready to execute that plan." (Courtesy New York Times Magazine)

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Abbott to announce ‘hundreds of millions’ of dollars to mitigate future floods, disasters

By Andrea Zelinski

AUSTIN — Cities and counties inundated by Hurricane Harvey will have an opportunity to tap hundreds of millions of dollars for disaster mitigation projects, the governor's office plans to announce Tuesday.

The program will offer city and county governments a chance to submit projects -- such as buyout programs, drainage projects, flood retention and elevation changes -- they want the hazard mitigation funds to cover. The governor's office said the program would make



“hundreds of millions” of dollars available, but declined to release a specific dollar amount. The money is separate from the nearly \$90 billion Congress approved last week for disaster recovery in Texas and other states ravaged by disasters like hurricanes and wild fires. Although most of the \$90 billion is for recovery,

Buyouts, elevation changes among possible projects

some is intended for the Army Corps of Engineers to use for further flood mitigation in the Houston area, such as improving reservoirs and widening bayous.

Experts say you should beware car deals that sound too good to be true. They may contain hidden flood damage from hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Gov. Greg Abbott will announce specifics of the new funding program in Rockport and again in Houston on Tuesday. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is making the money available to offer help mitigating future disasters in the wake of a catastrophe.

While the governor's office said the program for the FEMA funds will launch on Tuesday, the federal agency won't offer a final tally of the money it will offer until about a year after Hurricane Harvey.

The funding comes as federal, state and local leaders begin to coalesce around several ideas to help mitigate future flooding in the Houston area, although major changes likely won't take hold before this year's hurricane season.



Before and after photo of flooding at Buffalo Bayou and the Beltway.



Before and after photo of flooding at Kuykendahl at FM 1960 in north Houston.

美南電視轉換新頻道15.3操作指南

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How to complete a channel scan on your Digital TV to add Channel 15.3

Please note: All TV manufacturers differ, so menu options, wording and other items may vary. The best way to complete the channel scan is to refer to the TV owner's manual. If that is unavailable, the following general steps should guide you through the process.

1. Using your television's remote control, press the Menu or Settings option. Note: a "Smart TV" may have a smart button that must be used to access the settings menu. It will generally have the manufacturer's logo on it.
2. Locate Channels or Tuner Set Up option.
3. Check the menu for an option of Antenna Type or Connection Type followed by either Antenna or Cable.
4. Make sure that the designated setting is Cable (based on manufacturer, alternate choices may include Digital Cable, CATV or Cable STD)
5. From the menu, choose Digital Channel Search (based on manufacturer, alternate choices may include Channel Scan, Channel Search or Auto program.)
6. Allow the TV to complete the search. You will see a bar listing how many channels have been found. The process may take up to an hour.
7. Once complete, confirm the menu prompt, then press an exit or quit option.