

Fitch upgrade Greece debt, sees improvement

Washington

Credit rating agency Fitch upgraded Greece's debt by a notch. "Fitch believes that general govt debt sustainability will steadily improve, underpinned by ongoing compliance with the terms of the European Stability Mechanism," the agency said. It also cited "reduced political risk, sustained GDP growth and additional fiscal measures legislated to take effect through 2020."



Opioid drug maker settles US lawsuit

Chicago

Opioid drug maker Insys agreed to pay \$4.5 million to end a lawsuit in which it was accused of deceptive marketing, one of the first settlements of civil suits that drug manufacturers face over a US overdose epidemic. The lawsuit was brought by the state of Illinois -- among the hardest-hit regions dealing with rising overdose deaths stemming from addictive opioid painkillers.



What we watched this last week in Charlottesville and the reaction to it by the president of the United States concern all of us as Americans and free people. The presence of hate in our society was appallingly laid bare as we watched swastikas brandished on the streets of Charlottesville and acts of brutal terrorism and violence perpetrated by a racist mob."

- James Murdoch,
Chief Executive of 21st Century Fox

TIPS to ensure cyber security

No matter how effective—or expensive—the security tools protecting your network are, there's no way to predict the damage caused by a single careless user. To help out we've compiled a list of things users should be thinking about whenever they're using the Internet.

Practice good password management. Use a strong mix of characters, and don't use the same password for multiple sites. Don't share your password with others, don't write it down, and definitely don't write it on a post-it note attached to your monitor.

Never leave your devices unattended. If you need to leave your computer, phone, or tablet for any length of time—no matter how short—lock it up so no one can use it while you're gone. If you keep sensitive information on a flash drive or external hard drive, make sure to lock it up as well.

Back up your data regularly, and make sure your anti-virus software is always up to date.

Be sure to monitor your accounts for any suspicious activity. If you see something unfamiliar, it could be a sign that you've been compromised. (Cisco Umbrella)

Be conscientious of what you plug in to your computer. Malware can be spread through infected flash drives, external hard drives, and even smartphones.



Watch what you're sharing on social networks. Criminals can befriend you and easily gain access to a shocking amount of information—where you go to school, where you work, when you're on vacation—that could help them gain access to more valuable data.

Offline, be wary of social engineering, where someone attempts to gain information from you through manipulation. If someone calls or emails you asking for sensitive information, it's okay to say no. You can always call the company directly to verify credentials before giving out any information.

US launches formal trade investigation into China

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The United States on Friday formally launched a trade investigation into China's intellectual property practices and forced transfer of American technology, which President Donald Trump had called for this week.

"On Monday, President Trump instructed me to look into Chinese laws, policies, and practices which may be harming American intellectual property rights, innovation, or technology development," US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said in a statement.

"After consulting with stakeholders and other government agencies, I have determined that these critical issues merit a thorough investigation."

Foreign companies have long complained about

Beijing's failure to protect know-how and patents, and in some cases forcing firms to share information with domestic partners as the price for doing business in the



massive Chinese market. But they also have been timid about pressing too hard for their governments to take action, for fear of losing access to China. But "Washington will turn a blind eye no longer," Trump insisted on Monday.

"We will safeguard the copyrights, patents, trademarks, trade secrets and other intellectual property that is so vital to our security and to our prosperity," he said.

America, he added, will no longer tolerate Beijing's "theft" of US industrial secrets.

Lighthizer is launching the investigation under Section 301 of US trade law, which addresses intellectual property. Beijing this week fired back, warning that "everybody will lose" in the event of a trade war between the world's two largest economies.

Japan launches satellite for building better GPS system

Tokyo
Japan yesterday launched the third satellite in its effort to build a homegrown geolocation system aimed at improving the accuracy of car navigation systems and smartphone maps to mere centimetres.

An H-IIA rocket blasted off at about 2:30 pm (0530 GMT) from the Tanegashima space centre in southern Japan, according to the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA). The rocket successfully released the "Michibiki" No.3



Representative picture satellite about 30 minutes after launching. "The rocket flew as planned, and the agency confirmed that the Michibiki No.3 was released with no abnormalities 28 minutes and 37 seconds after the launch," an official statement said.