The MBA mortgage applications index fell 2.0% in the week ended August 28, after falling 6.5% in the prior week. Purchases were down.

The Trump administration announced yesterday that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will halt evictions through the end of

Citi Bank (C) announced it will extend its operations and licenses in China. With China Securities Regulatory Commission approving this

Square Inc. (SQ) shares soared by 28% in the past month, and increased more than 166% from the beginning of 2020, being the anomaly in the banking-like stocks. This rally speaks to the continued digitalization trend small businesses were forced to adopt.

The ADP Research Institute said U.S. companies added 428,000 workers to payrolls in August, less than expected, but following an

U.S. equity index futures advanced premarket after record highs in the S&P 500 and Nasdaq 100 index yesterday. Treasuries pared their

However, digital sales were up 53% from a year ago as more shoppers continue to visit online outlets due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
U.S. Treasury bills are a composite of 500 of the largest companies in the United States and it is often used as a measure of the overall U.S. stock market. The U.S. Dollar Index (USDX) is a broad-based flagship benchmark that measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. The index includes Treasury bonds, government-related, and corporate securitized fixed-rate bonds from both developed and emerging markets issuers. Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index represents the universe of fixed rate, non-investment grade debt. Eurobonds and debt issues from countries designated as emerging markets (e.g., Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, etc.) are excluded but, Canadian and global bonds (SEC registered) of issuers in non-EMG countries are included. Original issue zeroes, step-up coupon structures, and insured bonds and prerefunded bonds.

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The J.P.Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global tracks total returns for traded external debt instruments in the emerging markets, including U.S. dollar-denominated Brady bonds, loans, and Eurobonds with an outstanding face value of at least $500 million. The T.E.Y is the yield equivalence at which the rate of interest on a tax-exempt security and a taxable security of similar quality provide the same return. The quality of any bond is based on the issuer's financial ability to make interest payments and repay the loan in full at maturity. Standard & Poor's, an independent credit ratings service, evaluates the creditworthiness of bonds. They research the financial health of each bond issuer and assign ratings to the bonds being offered. Bonds rated AAA (highest quality) to BBB (medium) are considered investment grade. Bonds rated BB (speculative) to D (default) are considered non-investment grade. Standard & Poor's append their ratings with a plus or minus indicator to show a bond's ranking within a category. For example, A+ is better than A, and A is better than A-.

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