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What's News

Business & Finance

- ◆ Trump said he was leaning toward choosing either former Fed governor Kevin Warsh or National Economic Council Director Kevin Hassett to lead the central bank next year. A1
- **♦ SpaceX told employees** it is preparing for a possible public offering next year, confirming a potential listing for a company that has built formidable rocket and satellite business since Elon Musk founded it in 2002. B9
- ◆ The potential delay of hundreds of billions of dollars in promised spending on artificial intelligence is dealing a fresh blow to the stock-market rally. B11
- **♦ The administration** cleared plans to launch five cryptocurrency-focused national banks, with Circle and Ripple securing conditional approvals. **B11**
- **♦** Bank of America notched a symbolic win when its stock closed at \$55.14, a level not seen for America's second biggest bank since before the 2008 financial crisis. B9
- ◆ Unprecedented turbulence at a pair of Renaissance-managed quantitative hedge funds led the firm to consider adjusting its trading models. **B10**
- ♦ A law professor sued Boeing, alleging that exposure to a toxic-fume event on a 737 operated by Delta led to his brain and respiratory injuries. B9

World-Wide

- ◆ The U.S. military is moving more weapons and units into the Caribbean Sea that give Trump powerful new options to escalate pressure on venezueian leader Nico lás Maduro and potentially bring him down. A1, A8
- **◆** A historical-preservation group sued over Trump's demolition of the White House's East Wing and his plans to build an expansive ballroom in its place. A4
- ◆ Trump liked an idea suggested to him by Interior Secretary Doug Burgum of using the dirt from the leveling of the East Wing as fill for a redesign of a Washington, D.C., golf complex that sits on low ground. A4
- ◆ A judge blocked immigration authorities from re-detaining Kilmar Abrego Garcia hours after she ordered his release from a detention center. A6
- **◆ Congressional Democrats** released a selection of photos obtained from Jeffrey Epstein's estate that include pictures of Trump and former President Bill Clinton. A6
- **◆** A U.S. special-operations team boarded a ship in the Indian Ocean last month and seized military-related articles destined for Iran from China, U.S. officials said. A7
- ◆ Iranian Nobel Peace Prize laureate Narges Mohammadi, one of the country's most prominent human-rights advocates, was arrested at a public event, her family said. A8

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Trump may be losing his touch A13

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'I Am Alive, Safe and Very Grateful'



BOLD MOVE: Venezuelan opposition leader María Corina Machado stood outside the Grand Hotel in Oslo following an audience Friday at the Royal Palace. The Nobel Peace Prize laureate survived a harrowing escape and a rescue at sea to reach Norway. A8

U.S. Sends in More Firepower To Turn Up Heat on Venezuela

By Shelby Holliday AND COSTAS PARIS

The U.S. military is moving more weapons and units into the Caribbean that give President Trump powerful new options to escalate his pressure campaign on Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro and potentially bring him down.

oil tanker, the Pentagon is moving more assets into the region that would bolster its ability to conduct land strikes, disable Venezuela's defenses and enforce an oil embargo. The array of military forces poses a direct threat not only to Maduro but also his neigh-

boring allies such as Cuba.

strikes and the seizure of an Growler electronic warfare tack on land, analysts say. planes, HH-60W rescue helicopters and HC-130J rescue planes are being staged in Puerto Rico, according to photographs and flight tracking data. Tanker aircraft that can refuel bombers and jet fighters midair have also been moved to the Dominican Republic in recent days. Such aircraft ◆ Inside the daring escape F-35A stealth jet fighters, could play a key role in any at-

The deployments add to the massive amount of combat power that has already been shifted to the region in recent months, including 11 warships, MQ-9 Reaper drones, F-35B jet fighters and P-8 Poseidon spy Please turn to page A8

Trump: Warsh, Hassett Top List For Fed

President says in a WSJ interview that he expects to be consulted on rates

WASHINGTON-President Trump said he was leaning toward choosing either former Fed governor Kevin Warsh or National Economic Council Director Kevin Hassett to lead the Federal Reserve beginning next year.

> By Meridith McGraw, Nick Timiraos and Brian Schwartz

In an interview with The Wall Street Journal in the Oval Office on Friday, the president said Warsh was at the top of his list. "Yes, I think he is. I think you have Kevin and Kevin. They're both-I think the two Kevins are great," he said. "I think there are a couple of other people that are great.'

Hassett has been increasingly viewed as the front-runner after Trump repeatedly teased in recent weeks that he had settled on his choice to lead the Fed. but Trump's comments suggest Warsh remains solidly in contention.

During a 45-minute meeting with Warsh on Wednesday at the White House, the president pressed Warsh on whether he could trust him to Please turn to page A2

◆ Fed officials diverge over

Coach's Arrest Mired Michigan in Chaos

The Big Fight Over a 'Fish Disco'

At a British Power Plant

Nuclear station is trying to frighten fish,

but DJing for marine life is a nightmare

On Wednesday morning, Sherrone Moore was the head coach of the Michigan football team, preparing his players to face Texas in the Citrus Bowl. At 39, he was running one of

> By Rachel Bachman, Ryan Felton and Laine Higgins

the most celebrated programs in the game, just two years after helping it win a national championship as an offensive coordinator.

By Wednesday evening, he was in jail. Moore had been fired by the university and arrested for an alleged assault following the revelation of sexual relationship with a female

By Max Colchester

LONDON—The aim at first

Over a decade ago, Britain's

was simple: prevent murder

environmental regulator ap-

proved a new coastal nuclear

power station on the proviso

its cooling system wouldn't

suck in millions of fish from

EDF, the French company

building the plant, promised a

novel solution: It would con-

struct an elaborate noise ma-

the Bristol Channel.

AND ELIOT BROWN

on the seafloor.

member of Michigan's football

The stunning escalation immediately upended one of the richest, most powerful institutions in college sports. But this past week's turn of events had been brewing over the course of a two-month internal saga that finally erupted when Moore's behavior suddenly burst into view.

On Friday, Moore was charged with a felony count of home invasion and two misdemeanors, including stalking, the Washtenaw County prosecutor's office said. He appeared remotely via livestream in court Friday and later was released after posting a

DJing to save marine life, it

Different fish move to dif-

ferent tunes. High-frequency

noises deter shad, but might

be harmful to dolphins, which

communicate using high fre-

quencies. Trout and salmon

need more bass. Eels, unhelp-

fully, have ears behind their

eyes and only respond to

says David Clarke, a fisheries

expert at Swansea University

who was funded by EDF to

monitor high-frequency beeps

fired at tagged shad to see if

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"It's not straightforward,"

flashing lights.

turns out, is a nightmare.

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Syrians Grapple With Legacy Of Assad's Enforcer

The hunt is on for Jamil Hassan, an architect of the regime's reign of terror; 'I will kill half the country if I have to'

By Jared Malsin and Summer Said

DAMASCUS, Syria—During 13 years of revolution and war, the Syrian dictatorship of President Bashar al-Assad set a high water mark for cruelty in the 21st century, disappearing tens of thousands of perceived political opponents and flattening entire neighborhoods. Now that the regime has fallen, the hunt is on for one of Assad's most brutal enforcers.

Maj. Gen. Jamil Hassan, the former head of Syria's Air Force Intelligence agency, was notorious as an architect of the regime's collective-punishment campaign to break the rebellion.

Shadi Haroun, a young leader of the Arab Spring protests that spread to Syria, met the general face-to-face in 2011 after he was arrested and brought to Air Force Intelligence headquarters at Mezzeh air base in Damascus. In a four-hour encounter, Hassan questioned him in a level but domineering voice.

"I will keep killing to keep Bashar Assad in power," the general warned, according to Haroun. "I will kill half the country if I have

The protests continued, and the general delivered on his threat. Under his orders, Air Force Intelligence approved the bombing Please turn to page A10

EXCHANGE



PRIVATE CLUB Inside the invitationonly stock market for the wealthy. **B1**

Museum Threats Move From Vandals to Thieves

By Kelly Crow AND SAMANTHA PEARSON

Museums spent the past few years sinking resources into outsmarting climatechange activists who sloshed tomato soup, cake icing and other foodstuffs all over iconic masterpieces to get attention. Now, museums and cultural spaces are battling a bigger problem: brazen art thieves.

In the past two months, two dramatic heists—first at Paris's Louvre Museum, another last Sunday at a public library in São Paulo—represent a different threat level altogether, one involving weapons, threats to staff, getaway vehicles and missing artworks

worth over \$100 million, all happening in broad daylight. The result has sent a chill throughout the art world as security directors prepare for fewer foodfights and more brute-force attacks.

"Copycat crimes are inevitable because everyone is talking about these thefts, and the bad guys all think they're too smart to get caught," said Geoff Kelly, a retired art-crime investigator at the Federal Bureau of Investigation who now works for a private firm, Argus Cultural Property Consultants.

The uptick in high-profile heists is a massive and elusive headache for cash-strapped museums already under pres-Please turn to page A5

chine, aka a "fish disco," to scare the fish away.