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Gunfire Tears Into a Parade Near Chicago

Six Dead and Dozens Injured in Shooting

This article is by Robert Christie, Mitch Smith, Dan Simmons and Claire Kelly.

HIGHLAND PARK, Ill. — It sounded at first like fireworks to the parents who had brought excited children to a charming Fourth of July parade in their town. Or perhaps a military salute to the flag. But within seconds, as marching band members and politicians streamed down the street, horrified spectators realized the noise from a nearby rooftop was a high-powered rifle spraying bullets into the crowd, killing six people and wounding dozens.



Officers fanned out Monday in suburban Highland Park, Ill., after an attacker sent people fleeing a Fourth of July parade there.

Seizing Upon Roe Backlash to Court Moderates

By KATIE GLEICK GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — As Gov. Gretchen Whitmer prepared to kick off a round-table discussion about abortion rights at a brewery recently, Alisha Meneely sat at one corner of the table, feeling politically ambushed.

Ms. Meneely voted for Donald Trump in 2016 before supporting President Biden in 2020, she said. Now, she is struggling with both parties, gravely disappointed in Mr. Biden's leadership but ambushed by what she sees as a Republican lurch toward extremism, with little room for disagreement — especially on abortion rights. "This scares me a bit," said Ms. Meneely, 43, who described herself as a "pro-choice Republican" in an interview shortly before the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade.

New Variants May Outpace Next Boosters

By BENJAMIN MUELLER

Rossana Renout, 77, has grown tired of the current generation of coronavirus shots. Having "never been one for a lot of vaccination," she decided to forgo the latest round of boosters after watching vaccinated friends contract Covid-19, even though the doses are just a critical extra layer of protection.

Biden Envoy's Cozy Ties to Mexican Leader Worry U.S. Officials

By NATALIE KITROEFF and MARIA ARI-HABIB

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's election came delivered in a message to the American ambassador: The Mexican president was mounting an all-out assault on the national elections authority, which was seen as a pillar of the country's democracy. But instead of expressing alarm, America's top diplomat in Mexico took up one of the president's lines of attack, entertaining claims that an election long in the east, in 2006, had been stolen from the Mexican leader.



Ken Salazar, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico, was told to build a relationship with his president.

The matter had long been settled — for Mexico's judicial system, the European Union and the American government — until now. This ambassador's willingness to question the election's legitimacy is the latest example of what several U.S. officials say is a worrying pattern, in which America's top diplomat in Mexico has attempted to contradict his own government's policies in the interest of signing himself with President Andrés Manuel López Obrador.

Right-Wing Radio Sows Doubt About a Vote Yet to Take Place

By STUART A. THOMPSON

November's midterm elections are still months away, but many conservative commentators, the fix is already in, Democrats have cheated before, they say, and they will cheat again. Never mind that the claims are false.

In Lafayette, La., Carol Ross, host of "The Ross Report," questioned how Democrats could win a presidential election again after a tumultuous few years in power. "They're going to have to cheat again," she said. "You know that. There will be rampant cheating."

RUSSIA ADVANCES IN EAST, BUT WIN TAKES HARSH TOLL

BATTLES OF ATTRITION

Ukraine Grapples With Heavy Casualties and Low Ammunition

By THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF Russia's capture of the cities of Sievierodonetsk and Lysychansk, a significant victory for Moscow's campaign to conquer eastern Ukraine, demonstrates the superiority of Russian forces, forced to rely on raw recruits and suffering heavy casualties, along with the mental strain of combat, retreat and constant Russian shelling.

What's News

- A slide in all manner of raw-materials prices—corn, wheat, copper and more—is stirring hopes that a significant source of inflationary pressure might be starting to ease. AI
Peter Thiel-backed cryptocurrency lender Yield suspended withdrawals, trading and deposits on its platform, citing volatile market conditions and financial difficulties facing key business partners. BI
The pandemic-era boom in e-commerce has spurred a global shortage in shipping signs of weakness, with PC sales and a host in cryptocurrency markets. BI
Elimination Entertainment's "Missions: The Rise of Gru" grossed \$107 million at the domestic box office on its opening weekend, far exceeding early Genesee projections. BI
Pilots at Scandinavian Airlines walked out, starting a strike that the airline said would halve operations and add to a growing list of travel woes on both sides of the Atlantic. BI
Tesla vehicle deliveries fell quarter-to-quarter, reflecting an extended downturn in China, supply-chain disruptions and challenges associated with opening two new factories. BI
European stocks moved broadly higher on Monday as investors digested data from Germany. BI

What's News

Business & Finance

- At least six people were killed and more than two dozen wounded in a shooting at a July Fourth parade in the Chicago suburb of Lake County, Ill., on Tuesday.
The shooter appeared to have targeted spectators, Mr. Covelli said, adding that the parade was about three-quarters complete when the attack began.
The U.S. economy has experienced 12 consecutive months of growth, but each one included two features: Economic output contracted and unemployment rose.
Today, something highly unusual is happening: Economic output fell in the first quarter and signs suggest it did so again in the second. Yet the job market showed little sign of faltering during the first half of the year.
The latest rate fell from 4% last week to 3.75% in May.
It is the latest stage twist in the odd trajectory of the pandemic economy, and a rift for those contemplating a recession. If the U.S. is or near one, it doesn't yet look like any other on record.



A Lake County, Ill., police officer walked the route of a July Fourth parade in Highland Park after a shooter fired on spectators.

July Fourth Parade Leaves at Least 6 People Dead

HIGHLAND PARK, Ill., — Police late Monday apprehended a person of interest in a shooting at a July Fourth parade in the Chicago suburb of Lake County, said earlier in the day that the shooter was a high-end, far-exceeding early Genesee projections. BI

Off-Price Retailers Feast On Surplus Of Goods

By SIYONNI KAYNER

The excess inventory piling up at a large retailers such as Target Corp. and Walmart Inc. is proving a boon for liquidators and other companies that help dispose of the overstock.

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PERSONAL AND SOCIAL As boarding and dinner prices jump, more vacationers bring their dogs along. AI2

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Entrepreneur's lofty dream is decades in the making: 'Dad, that's crazy'

Mr. Hartwell, the founder of the World Sky Race, was inspired by the idea of a modern-day Jules Verne, he said. The airship's journey will be a high-stakes race to a lack of commercial interest and other. The airship's journey will be a high-stakes race to a lack of commercial interest and other.

Decline In Prices For Raw Materials Buys Investors

A tumultuous quarter ends for commodities, offering a glimmer of hope inflation could ebb

By BRAD DEZURAIN

A slide in all manner of raw-materials prices—corn, wheat, copper and more—is stirring hopes that a significant source of inflationary pressure might be starting to ease. Many raw materials remain historically high priced, to be sure. And there are matters of supply and demand behind the declines. From a firm at a Texas gas-export terminal to better crop-growing weather, they say the Federal Reserve's efforts to slow the economy are reducing demand.

If the U.S. Is in a Recession, It's a Very Strange One

Economic output is down, but the job market is strong

By JON HILBERTS

Some companies, especially in the tech sector, have given indications that they're pulling back on hiring, though across the broad economy the job market has rarely looked stronger.

A Plan for a Modern Blimp Race Isn't Easy to Get Off the Ground

Entrepreneur's lofty dream is decades in the making: 'Dad, that's crazy'

Advertisement for Dell Technologies, featuring the slogan 'Sustainable to the core.' and an image of a blue tree-like structure.