Voices of Calm in the Din of War

Fleeing Home,

Maybe Forever,

In the Donbas

and MARIA VARENTIGOVA
BAKHMUT, Ulcraine – Nina
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boarded a minibus evacuating civilians as the Russian Army advanced toward the town where
she weat to college, met her husband and raised two daughters.
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Ms. Zakharenko is 72 now, and may be leaving the town forever.

over the weekend into Russia's

The attacks on Bakhmut, a vita

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Conservatives' Longtime

Focus on Local Races

Could Pay Off

By MICHAEL WINES

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WASHINGTON - Fresh from

The Washington Post

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COUNTS OF MURDER

Illinois community reels

after shooting at parade

MARISA IATI

AND ANNABELLE TIMES

fire on a Fourth of July parade in a Chicago suburb planned the attack for weeks and used a

legally purchased military-sty weapon to kill seven and inju-more than 30 people, police sa

in the latest mass shooting t shake a traumatized nation Authorities charged Robert F Crimo III with seven counts of

first-degree murder Tuesday bu

said there was no definitive mo

Crimo had acquired five fire-arms in 2020 and 2021, said Christopher Covelli, a spokes-

man for the Lake County Majo Crime Task Force, including th

semiautomatic rifle he alleges used to fire more than 70 she

into the crowds gathered to cel

ebrate American independence. He attempted to conceal his identity by wearing women's

clothing, police said, and initial

ly eluded capture by blending is with those fleeing the gunfire.

parade route. Eric Rinebart, th

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pledged to pursue justice for the victims and called for a ban or

assault-style weapons.
"All of the people who di

dom - all of it," Rinehart said

We must do more as we think

and reflect upon their freedom. Highland Park is home to

everal of those killed were Je

ing as it mourned the dead.

# Suspect planned attack for weeks, police say

21-year-old made violent threats in '19. officials say

BY KIM BELLWARE, MARK BERMAN, BRYAN PIETSCH AND GERRIT DE VYNCK

HIGHLAND PARK, ILL. - The 21-year-old charged with opening fire at an Independence Day pa-rade in this Chicago suburb had so alarmed his family with violent threats in 2019 that they sum-moned police, who confiscated more than a dozen knives and other sharp weapons from his home, authorities said Tuesday.

tember 2019 by a relative who reported that Robert Crimo III had a collection of knives and "said he was going to kill every-one," said Christopher Covelli, a spokesman for the Lake County Major Crime Task Force, Police took the weapons but did not seek criminal charges.

"At that time, there was no robable cause to arrest," Covelli said at a news briefing. "There were no complaints that were signed by any of the victims." Officers had also been called to the home earlier that year be-cause of a reported suicide at-tempt by Crimo, Covelli said.

In the months after the two police visits, the suspected at-tacker acquired five firearms, including the powerful rifle police say he fired dozens of times into a crowd during Monday's holida parade. Seven people were killed

and dozens more were injured.

Police apprehended Crimo after an hours-long manhunt. On Tuesday, authorities charged him with seven counts of first-degree murder — with dozens of addi-tional charges expected to follow. He is expected to appear in court Wednesday morning; prosecu-tors said they will ask that he be held without bail. Attorney Thomas Durkin, who

identified himself as one of two



### 'Nothing feels safe' for Americans rattled by violence, gripped by fear

to tweet that "there is NO evi-

But on the same evening in Philadelphia's Center City neigh-borhood, similar sounds send

people running - and the pops turn out to be real gunshots,

which graze two police officers guarding the fireworks show in front of the Philadelphia Art Mu-

seum. Just hours earlier, a roof

top shooter in Highland Park, Ill., terrorizes a Fourth of July parade

in the Chicago suburb where

dence of a shooting in the area,"

Pop-pop-pop! Along Washing-ton's National Mall, families en-joying the Fourth of July hear ons that should be fireworks but could be a mass shooting. They instantly scatter, a mini-panic that police quickly determine is caused by the annual crackle of patriotic celebra

lando, sudden noises startle a crowd and people bolt from their holiday gathering, leaving police

BY BRITIANY SHAMMAS, PRAYEENA SOMASUNDARAM.

ANNIE GOWEN AND LATERIIA BEACHUM HIGHLAND PARK, ILL. - After the gunman wreaked his car-nage, the screaming stopped and the people fied, little Aiden

McCarthy remained among the bodies, confused and crying. Neighbors in the close-knit Highland Park community found the 2-year-old in the cha-

parents, a youthful octogenarian of July parade, where a gunma atop the roof of a local bus

struck down more than three dozen people, killing seven adults and injuring dozens On Tuesday, Highland Park Police confirmed the worst -his parents, Kevin and Irina

McCarthy, ages 37 and 35, had been killed in the attack.

Police on Tuesday said that along with the McCarthys, five other adults died, including

sizable Jewish com no information yet to suggest the violence was racially or reli

#### Ruling Raises ABORTION FIGHTS Alarm on Fate WILL BE IN HANDS Of I.V.F. Care OF STATE JUSTICES

Concerns Over Control of Frozen Embryos COURTS FACE PRESSURE

By JAN HOFFMAN

Anna Nibley Baker, a mother of na Nibbey Baker, a mother of in Salt Lake City, is reason-certain that she and her bus-are done building their fam-let for eight years, since the Yet for eight years, since the rth of her last child, conceived rough in vitro fertilization, she as thought tenderly of the cou-c's three remaining embryos,

fertility patients and their doc-ers nationwide, has become armed that the fate of those emryes may no longer be hers to de-ide. If states ban abortions start-ng from conception — and do not listinguish between whether ferization happens in the womb or the lab — the implications for

In a cycle of I.V.F., a field of ears old and used by hundreds of same-sex couples, single people and surrogate carriers in the Shooting Suspect Left Police a Trail of Red Flags United States, the hope is to create s many healthy embryos for each patient as possible. Doctors generally implant one or two of those embryos in the uterus and freeze

> The moves by states to ban gal questions about these embry-os: Will doctors still be allowed to

### he had tried to kill himself. And they came to his home a few

they came to his home a few months later — seeking his knile collection — after a family mem-ber reported that he had piedged to "kill everyone." Skill, in the years since, the man, Robert E. Crimo III, 21, was able to legally buy several gums in Illi-nois, including a high-powered ri-fle that officials said was used in the artself on Mendow in Illichined

Ukrainsan Army medics stationed back from the front lines treat soldiers whose nerves are shredded by constant shelling. Page A7.

"I can hold on, I can hold on," she said, finding the strength to stop crying, "But Bakhmut was my only home." The Russian Army is now on the and ramping up its shelling. The attack is part of an inch-by-inch offensive into the province of Do-netsk now that Luhansk, another province that Moscow has sought to capture in eastern Ukraine, fell

HIGHLAND PARK, III. - The

s in a shooting that terrorized a

man accused of killing seven peo-ple and wounding dozens of oth-

2019 after someone reported that

Questions About Gaps in Gun Laws After Parade Attack

surth of July parade had been in-stigated by the local police be-re. Officers had responded in missed opportunities to use their relatively strict firearm laws to block Mr. Crimo's gun purchases, and about whether a newly signed federal gun law might have made a difference had it been in force coalies he attatement the Illinois earlier. In a statement, the Illinois State Police defended its decision to grant Mr. Crimo a permit to own a gun, which he applied for in Deember 2019, three months after the police took the knives from his

nois, including a high-powered ri-fie that officials said was used in the attack on Monday in Highland Park, a lakefront suburb north of Chicago. On Tuesday, Mr. Crimo the parade on Monday inorining, Park, a lakefront suburn borth of Chicago. On Tuseday, Mc Crimo appeared to have perspared for weeks to attack the parade on Meeding merring, and Park—in which law enforces was charged with seven counts of first-degree numeric was charged with seven counts of first-degree numeric was total about a troubled to climb abop a downtown busin. The details of those price pelice visits: raiseed questions about a laph-powered rifle into the whether the Illinois authorities or crowd. Alterward, they said, he

escaped by discarding his rille and blending into the crowd while wearing women's clothing. The authorities released a pic-ture that appeared to show him wearing an American flag scarf

around his neck - perhaps, they said, to conceal his distinctive Mr. Crimo was arrested about eight hours later when a resident

spetted him on a highway in a nearby suburb. Although the au-thorities said they had uncovered to suidence that the shooting way they did not know what motivated the attack. Prosecutors said Mr. Crimo would make an initial court appearance on Wednesday. It was

not immediately clear whether he

## Is Subpoenaing 7 Trump Allies

quiry has entangled a number o ominent members of Mr. ump's orbit and may cloud the

future for the former president.

The subpoenas underscore the breadth of the investigation by Fani T. Willis, the district attorney of Futton County, which encompasses most of Atlanta. She is eighing a range of charges, ac eding to legal filings, including itest round of subpoenas was re

tion is one of several inquiries into efforts by Mr. Trump and his tea

'Provocative' acts come as Washington's focus

Moscow, Tehran testing

U.S. red lines in Mideast

is on Ukraine, China

TANF GARRISON, STRIA - A burst of Rossian and Iranian maneuvers against U.S. interests in the Mid-die East has forced the region's new military commander toward new initiatry commander toward an early reckening with how to reestablish deterrence without sparking a wider conflict, a perennial problem that has taken on new urgency amid the global instability ignited by Moscow's war in Ukraine

in Ukraine.

Army Gen. Michael Erik Kuril-la, who took charge of U.S. Central Command this spring, met in late June with dozens of the approxi-mately 300 soldiers, Special Oper-

ees stationed at this sprawling base in eastern Syria. The highbase in eastern Syria. The high-level visit occurred just days after Russian fighter jets attacked a opposition fighters inside the gar-rison. Russian military officials, citing a purported vehicle explo-sion they claimed had wounded Syrian government troops, noti-fied the Americans of their intent 35 minutes prior, according to a U.S. military official.

The Riden administration is posed by Iran and its proxies have posed by Iran and its proxims have, in ways, been overshadowed by Russiab aggressive posture toward Europe and China's quest for regional dominance in the Pacific. As the U.S. government looks to repetioritize, key Middle Eastern allies including Saudi Are. his the United Arab Em

# TikTok's interracial couples tell their stories

Among the victims: A toddler's

Influencers offer look into lives of mixed families - even as they try to take focus off race

BY SYDNEY TRENT



ber and Ben Wallin with their 3-week-old baby, Wilde, in the ber film most of their TikToks for their 1.3 million followers, on May 16 in Chicago Amber Wallin can pinpoint the mo-ment when she and her husband. Ben, took off as an interracial couple on

In the video she posted to the platform in January 2021, Amber meanders sleep-ily down the hall to the living room, mumbling profanely about how it's time to go to bed. Next, the camera turns to sprawled on the couch in front of a TV, crying because the character in the video game "Ghost of Tsushima" that he thought was dead had returned to life.

It was a funny clip gamers could relate to. But many of Amber's followers — likely thinking Amber was about to dress down her kids instead of her husband were delightfully surprised to see that the loud Black woman with the Georgia accent was chastising a nerdy White guy from Long Island.

TIKTok activism: Two Gen Z influencer are on opposite sides of abortion fight. C1

### staging area for Ukrainian forces in recent weeks, mirror the creep-ing artillery tactic Russia used to seize the last two cities standing in Diagnosis Gives Little Clarity to Those Left to Grieve N.F.L. Star Georgia Inquiry

### By KEN BELSON

preventions and interest as the control of the prevention population of 6.1 million people in the two previouses – known collectively as the Donhas – have fed over the past months of fighting. Usrainian officials and international aid groups say. The flight by crowded train cars, packed highways and desperate overnight drives has left the two amides flighting over largely abasember 18 pitching over largely abase. DUBLIN, Ga. — Demaryius Thomas's parents see their son

Themas's parents see their son every day:

A painting of the former N.E.L. star rests against a wall in Satirias. Smith's beene, and Bobby Thomas, his father, keeps the same image on his cellphone. It depicts a cherished moment that now seems forebodning: The two bowning parents flank their son in the interest of the parents flank their son in the parents flank their son in the parents flank their paren armies lighting over largely aban-doned fields and streets, and Ukraine's government facing the problem of millions without longmoments after his Denver Bronmaryius looks down with a pained expression, scratching the back of his head.

his head.

The receiver had been leveled by Carolina Pauthers linebacker Luke Knechly during the game and had a headsche so bed that be missed most of the parties after the victory.

"He was like, 'Hey, y'all, I need heave and on he myself hereson." seems clear: Few people are likely to return to the Donbas any-time soon. It is not just the obvious problem of ruined towns and de stroyed factories. Even before the var, the industrial region was facing fading prospects. Now, when-ever the fighting stops, its fac-

to leave and go by myself because I don't feel too good," Smith re-counted. "And so, you know, he left and didn't even finish celebrating tories and coal mines are an un-Nearly five months of war has damaged the structures that keep cities working — factories, air-ports, railway stations — and or anything like that." ports, railway stations — and obliterated residential buildings, schools, hospitals, churches and shopping malls. Ukraino's prime minister, Denys Shmyhal, told an

Demaryius Thomas, who died in December, with his parents after Denver's 2016 Super Bowl win. Demarytus Thomas died in December at 33, mere months after
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ported earlier by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The Fulton County investiga