

World News

On July 13, there was an attempted assassination attempt against Donald Trump [1]. The FBI identified the shooter as 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks [2]. The Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle, claimed the roof where Crooks fired from, had a slope that was too steep for safely station law enforcement people [3]. The US Secret Service had a number of security failures on that day. For instance, the assassin flew a drone over the target area prior to the attempt on the President's life [4]. The next newsletter will attempt to separate the facts from the background noise.

The war in the Ukraine continues to grind on. For example, Ukrainian forces withdrew from outskirts of Chasiv Ya, a town located in eastern Donetsk region [5]. This comes as Russian leader Putin says he takes former President Trump's Ukraine peace proposal seriously [6].

Meanwhile, Yemen's Houthi rebels used boats to attack two commercial ships [7]. The rebel group also provided pictures of an attack on an oil tanker [8]. The Houthis also claimed responsibility for a drone attack on Tel Aviv, Israel [9]. Thus far, at least one person was killed in the Tel Aviv attack [10].

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Israel War

The Hezbollah/Israel war continues. Case in point, approximately 200 projectiles were launched into Israel on July 4 [1].

Meanwhile, the \$230 million temporary pier installed by the US was in trouble [2]. The pier had operated for only 20 days [3]. Finally, on July 17, the pier was shuttered [4].

The opposition in Israel to the war is taking its toll. Case in point, drafting the ultra-Orthodox is set to start [5]. This has already resulted in attacks against the Israel Defense Forces

(IDF) [6].

The Houthis have reached a target in Tel Aviv [7]. In response, Israel Defense Force launched airstrikes near the Al Hudaydah Port in Yemen [8]. At least 3 people were killed in the IDF attack [9]. Since then, the IDF has shot down a Houthi launched ballistic missile [10].

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Special points of interest:

- Donald Trump Shot in Assassination Attempt
- DJIA, NASDAQ and S&P 500 Record Highs
- CPI 3.0% Annual Rate
- Unemployment Rate 4.1%

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*The measure of a man is
what he does with power.—*

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Terrorism

In Nigeria, female suicide bombers were responsible for the deaths of at least 18 people [1]. Then, at least six people were killed in an ISIS attack of a Shiite-Muslim mosque in Oman [2].

In the U.S., concerns of terrorism continue. The lead act was the attempted assassination of former President Trump [3]. This comes after a report indicates Iran had a plot to assassinate Trump [4]. Another report indicates the shooter had three encrypted overseas accounts [5]. Meanwhile, a man was arrested near the Republican National Convention with a loaded AK-47 style pistol, ski mask, and gloves [6].

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*Never interrupt your
enemy when he is making
a mistake.—Napoleon
Bonaparte*

Economy

The Unemployment rate for June increased slightly to 4.1% [1]. On the plus side, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) fell to a 3.0% annual rate [2].

Stock market indexes remain strong. On July 5, the NASDAQ and the S&P 500 closed at new record highs [3]. New record highs continued into July 8, 9 and 10 [4, 5, 6]. Then on July 15, the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) closed at a record high [7]. On July 16, both the DJIA and S&P 500 closed at record highs [8]. On July 17, the DJIA closed above 41,000 for the first time [9].

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Computers themselves, and software yet to be developed, will revolutionize the way we learn.—Steve Jobs

