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Police officers at a homecoming parade in Greenville, Miss., where stray bullets and drive-by shootings forced a stepped-up response.

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In Mississippi City, Even Adults Have a Curfew

A Crackdown Opens Debate on How Far to Go to Fight Crime

By AUDRA D. S. BURCH
GREENVILLE, Miss. — It was after 2 a.m. when the police chief called the mayor to report another night of violence in Greenville, Miss. This time, one of the city’s former high school football stars was fatally shot while visiting his hometown.
News of the death on May 28 of 18-year-old Alex Foster, a redshirt freshman on the Baylor Univer-

sity football team, ricocheted across the small Mississippi Delta city, and it was not the only case of violence in recent months. Days earlier, a 16-year-old boy was killed in a drive-by shooting while in the back seat of a family member’s car stopped at an intersection. Weeks before that, stray bullets struck the windows of a school building, forcing a short lockdown.
To Errick D. Simmons, the three-term mayor of Greenville,

and Marcus R. Turner Sr., the police chief, this spasm of violence had plunged the city into crisis. Crime rates had spiked since January, a “surge” mostly related to gang activity and retaliations among minors and young adults.
So on the same day as Mr. Foster’s shooting, Greenville officials declared a state of emergency and imposed a temporary citywide curfew: With limited exceptions, no one would be allowed on the streets after midnight. For minors

and young adults, the curfew was stricter.
“Violence was ripping through our neighborhoods. Our people didn’t feel safe sitting on the porch or being outside after dark,” said Mr. Simmons, 48. “My thought was enough is enough.”
The gun violence has not been isolated to Greenville. Over the weekend, at least six people were killed and others injured by gunfire at a high school homecoming
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Hamas Killing Rivals in Gaza Since the Truce

This article is by **Iyad Abuheweila, Aaron Boxerman and Sanjana Varghese.**

The public execution was captured on video.
Masked gunmen, some wearing green headbands associated with the Palestinian militant group Hamas, lined up eight captives in the middle of a crowded street in Gaza City on Monday. They forced the men to bend over, leveled their rifles at them, and opened fire, leaving their bodies in the dirt.
A Hamas internal security official confirmed that the video, which The New York Times geolocated to Gaza City, showed Hamas fighters executing Palestinian rivals. He spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to journalists.
The execution took place just days after a cease-fire with Israel began on Friday and Israeli forces pulled back from parts of Gaza. Analysts say that Hamas appears to be trying to assert that it is still the dominant force in the territory, no matter how weakened it is after two years of war with Israel.
Hamas lost many of its top commanders and thousands of fighters in the conflict, and some Gaza residents launched rare protests against the group’s iron-fisted rule earlier this year.
Israel has acknowledged that it also sought to undermine Hamas’s control by backing rival Pal-

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A Generation of Action

A wave of protests in Africa led by young people reflects a lack of economic opportunity. Page A5.

F.D.A. Questioning Aluminum Use in Vaccines

By CHRISTINA JEWETT

Federal health officials are examining the feasibility of taking aluminum salts out of vaccines, a prospect that vaccine experts said would wipe out about half of the nation’s supply of childhood inoculations and affect shots that protect against whooping cough, polio and deadly flu.
The review at the Food and

Removal Risks Some Childhood Shots

Drug Administration began after President Trump listed aluminum in vaccines as harmful during a press briefing about the unproven link between Tylenol and autism.
Aluminum salts have been in

vaccines since the 1920s and are added to enhance the immunestimulating effect against the virus or bacteria covered by the inoculation. Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the nation’s health secretary, has been a longtime critic of aluminum in vaccines, which he has suggested is linked to autism.
Vaccine experts said the tiny amount of aluminum salts in vac-

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Trump Weighs Transforming Refugee Policy

White People Would Be Given Preference

By ZOLAN KANNO-YOUNGS and HAMED ALEAZIZ

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is considering a radical overhaul of the U.S. refugee system that would slash the program to its bare bones while giving preference to English speakers, white South Africans and Europeans who oppose migration, according to documents obtained by The New York Times.
The proposals, some of which already have gone into effect, would transform a decades-old program aimed at helping the world’s most desperate people into one that conforms to Mr. Trump’s vision of immigration — which is to help mostly white people who say they are being persecuted while keeping the vast majority of other people out.
The plans were presented to the White House in April and July by officials in the State and Homeland Security Departments after President Trump directed federal agencies to study whether refugee resettlement was in the interest of the United States. Mr. Trump had suspended refugee admissions on his first day in office and solicited the proposals about how and whether the administration should continue the program.
Trump administration officials have not ruled out any of the ideas, according to people familiar with the planning, although there is no set timetable for approving or rejecting the ideas. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the confidential plans.
The proposed changes would put new emphasis on whether applicants would be able to assimilate into the United States, directing them to take classes on “American history and values” and “respect for cultural norms.”
The proposals also advise Mr. Trump to prioritize Europeans who have been “targeted for peaceful expression of views online such as opposition to mass migration or support for ‘populist’ political parties.”
That appeared to be a reference to the European far-right political party Alternative for Germany, whose leaders have trivialized the Holocaust, revived Nazi slogans and denigrated foreigners. Vice President JD Vance has criticized Germany for trying to suppress the views of the group, which is known as the AfD.
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Judge Blocks Layoffs
A federal judge temporarily halted mass federal layoffs by the Trump administration during the government shutdown. Page A16.

JUSTICES MAY BAN RACE AS A FACTOR IN DISTRICT MAPS

CASE ON VOTING RIGHTS

Nation’s Political Balance Could Shift if Court Guts 1965 Law

By ABBIE VANSICKLE

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court appeared poised on Wednesday to weaken a key provision of a landmark civil rights law by sharply limiting the ability of lawmakers to use race as a factor in drawing voting maps, which could lead to widespread redistricting efforts.
If the justices determine that lawmakers cannot consider race when drawing districts, the consequences for the country’s political balance could be sweeping. The decision could end the practice, endorsed by the court for decades, of crafting congressional districts with the purpose of helping minority voters elect the candidates of their choice.
Republican state legislatures could use the ruling to eliminate around a dozen Democratic-held House districts across the South, according to a New York Times analysis.



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Outside the Supreme Court during arguments Wednesday.

The court typically issues major rulings by late June or early July, but could rule more quickly in the voting case. It is not clear if states could act in time for the 2026 midterm elections, should the justices agree to upend the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
The case examines whether Louisiana lawmakers violated the Constitution when they adopted a new electoral map in 2024, creating the state’s second majority-Black district.
During Wednesday’s oral argument, several of the court’s conservative justices appeared focused on whether there should be a sunset to using race as a factor in creating electoral maps, a requirement that stemmed from 1960s-era protections aimed at undoing generations of efforts to suppress
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U.S. Authorizes Covert Action In Venezuela to Pressure Maduro

By JULIAN E. BARNES and TYLER PAGER

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration has secretly authorized the C.I.A. to conduct covert action in Venezuela, according to U.S. officials, stepping up a campaign against Nicolás Maduro, the country’s authoritarian leader.
The authorization is the latest step in the Trump administration’s intensifying pressure campaign against Venezuela. For weeks, the U.S. military has been targeting boats off the Venezuelan coast it says are transporting drugs, killing 27 people. American officials have been clear, privately, that the end goal is to drive Mr. Maduro from power.
Mr. Trump acknowledged on Wednesday that he had autho-

rized the covert action and said the United States was considering strikes on Venezuelan territory.
“We are certainly looking at land now, because we’ve got the sea very well under control,” the president told reporters hours after The New York Times reported the secret authorization.
Any strikes on Venezuelan territory would be a significant escalation. After several of the boat strikes, the administration made the point that the operations had taken place in international waters.
The new authority would allow the C.I.A. to carry out lethal operations in Venezuela and conduct a
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