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shine and a few clouds, high 91. **To-
night**, clear, low 71. **Tomorrow**, hot
with plenty of sunshine, high 92.
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A Painful Bond

Bite Club, a fraternity of shark bite victims, helps with physical and emotional recovery when very few others can relate. Page A10.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Justices Peel Away Election Guardrails

By ADAM LIPTAK

WASHINGTON — If Republicans succeed in pulling off an aggressively partisan gerrymander of congressional districts in Texas, they will owe the Supreme Court a debt of gratitude. In the two decades Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. has led the Supreme Court, the justices have reshaped American elections not just by letting state lawmakers like those in Texas draw voting maps warped by politics, but also by gutting the

Remaining Pillar of the Voting Rights Act Could Be Next

Voting Rights Act of 1965 and amplifying the role of money in politics. Developments in recent weeks signaled that some members of the court think there is more work to be done in removing legal guardrails governing elec-

tions. There are now signs that the court is considering striking down or severely constraining the remaining pillar of the Voting Rights Act, a towering achievement of the civil rights movement that has protected the rights of minority voters since it was enacted 60 years ago last week. Continued on Page A14

CRUCIAL JUDGE James C. Ho is the “tip of the spear” of conservatism in the Trump era. PAGE A14

More Children Being Poisoned From Cannabis

This article is by *Danielle Ivory, Julie Tate and Megan Twohey.* Amy Enochs was texting with other parents, all wondering why their central Ohio elementary school had gone into lockdown, when the school called. Several fourth graders, including Ms. Enochs’s daughter, had eaten marijuana gummies and were being taken to the hospital with racing pulses, nausea and hallucinations. A classmate had found the gummies at home and mistaken them for Easter candy. Ms. Enochs recalled hyperventilating that spring day three years ago. “I was scared to death,” she said, her voice breaking. “It was shock and panic.” As legalization and commercialization of cannabis have spread across the United States, making marijuana edibles more readily available, the number of cannabis-related incidents reported to poison control centers has sharply increased: from about 930 cases in 2009 to more than 22,000 last year, data from America’s Poison Centers shows. Of those, more than 13,000 caused documented negative effects and were classified by the organization as nonlethal poisonings. These numbers are almost certainly an undercount, public health officials say, because hospitals are not required to report such cases. More than 75 percent of the poisonings last year involved children or teenagers. “I definitely have seen floridly psychotic 2-year-olds just waiting for the marijuana to leave their system because they got into Continued on Page A15



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Braving Chaos for Hoops in Congo

A basketball academy that offers young people a lifeline persists despite years of war. Page A4.

C.D.C. Shooting Followed Years of Demonization

By APOORVA MANDAVILLI

The day after a lone gunman opened fire on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, killing a police officer and shattering windows across the agency’s campus, employees were reeling from shock, fear and rage. “We’re mad this has happened,” Dr. Debra Houry, the C.D.C.’s chief medical officer, said in a large group call Saturday morning with Susan Monarez, the agency’s

Staff Feels Betrayed as Fears Come True

newly confirmed director, who tried to reassure them. Another employee on the call, a recording of which was obtained by The New York Times, asked Dr. Monarez: “Are you able to speak to the misinformation, the disinformation that caused this issue?

And what your plan forward is to ensure this doesn’t happen again?” The investigation into the shooting and the gunman’s potential motives is still in its early stages. But law enforcement officials said that the suspect identified in the shooting had become fixated with the coronavirus vaccine, believing that it was the cause of his physical ailments. Inside the C.D.C. in Atlanta, the Continued on Page A15

Challenging ICE Raids Lifts L.A. Mayor’s Image

By JILL COWAN

LOS ANGELES — Mayor Karen Bass had a choice to make. She had been in a senior staff meeting, preparing for a news conference with California’s governor, Gavin Newsom. They were planning to trumpet the progress of the recovery from the January wildfires that destroyed thousands of her constituents’ homes. But then she started getting messages that heavily armed

Bass’s Job Was in Peril After the Wildfires

agents and soldiers were descending on MacArthur Park, a hub in one of the densest immigrant neighborhoods in Los Angeles. She had been regularly texting with a top federal official leading the immigration raids to coordinate a meeting but said she

had been given no warning on the show of force unfolding at the park on a Monday afternoon in July. Ms. Bass told her staff to skip the governor’s event and take her instead to the park. She was soon confronting federal agents, demanding to speak to whoever was in charge. “My comment is, they need to leave,” she told an agent, shouting over the thudding of helicopters overhead, visibly angry, as news Continued on Page A13



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