

Supreme Court justices appear ready to restrict abortion rights

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Conservative U.S. Supreme Court justices on Wednesday signaled a willingness to dramatically curtail abortion rights in America and perhaps overturn the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized the procedure nationwide as they indicated they would uphold a restrictive Republican-backed Mississippi law.

The court, which has a 6-3 conservative majority, heard about two hours of oral arguments in the southern state's bid to revive its ban on abortion starting at 15 weeks of pregnancy, a law blocked by lower courts. The liberal justices warned against ditching important and long-standing legal precedents like Roe

and abandoning a right American women have come to rely upon.

Jackson Women's Health Organization, the only abortion clinic in Mississippi, challenged the law and has the support of Democratic President Joe Biden's administration. A ruling is expected by the end of next June.

Roe v. Wade recognized that the right to personal privacy under the U.S. Constitution protects a woman's ability to terminate her pregnancy. The Supreme Court in a 1992 ruling called Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey reaffirmed abortion rights and prohibited laws imposing an "undue burden" on abortion access. Mississippi asked the justices to

overturn the Roe and Casey rulings.

Conservative Justice Brett Kavanaugh voiced a view often expressed by abortion opponents that nothing in the Constitution protects abortion rights.

"The Constitution is neither pro-life nor pro-choice on the question of abortion, but leaves the issue to the people of the states or perhaps Congress to resolve in the democratic process," Kavanaugh said.

If Roe were overturned, many states "would continue to freely allow abortion," Kavanaugh added. Before the Roe ruling, many states banned abortion.

Julie Rikelman, arguing for the abortion clinic, said overturning Roe would



PROTESTERS: Supreme Court Police officers erect a barrier between anti-abortion and pro-abortion rights protesters outside the court building in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday. Jonathan Ernst/Reuters

not mean the court is neutral on abortion as Kavanaugh suggested.

"Women have an equal right to liberty under the Constitution, Your Honor, and if they're not able to make this decision, if states can take control of women's bodies and force them to endure months of pregnancy and childbirth, then they will never have equal status under the Constitution," Rikelman told Kavanaugh.

About one in four American women has had an abortion, Rikelman added.

First known US omicron case found in fully vaccinated overseas traveler

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The United States on Wednesday identified its first known COVID case caused by the omicron variant, discovered in a fully vaccinated patient who traveled to South Africa, as scientists continue to study the risks the new version could pose.

Public health officials said the infected person, who had mild and improving symptoms, returned to the United States from South Africa

VACCINE:

A nurse fills a syringe with the Pfizer vaccine in Los Angeles, California, on Aug. 30. Mike Blake/Reuters



on Nov. 22 and tested positive seven days later.

That patient was fully vaccinated but did not have a booster shot, according to Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top U.S. infectious disease official, who briefed reporters at the White House.

The person is in self-quarantine and all of the patient's close contacts have tested negative, he said.

Key questions remain about the new variant, which mutated in ways that health experts think could improve its ability to both spread and evade some of the defenses provided by vaccines. Work is underway to update those vaccines, if necessary.

Omicron has been found in two dozen countries, including several in Europe plus Canada, Australia, Japan, Hong Kong and Israel.

The United States has not yet detected community transmission of omicron. Across much of the country, COVID-19 transmission

remains high but new cases have held fairly steady over the last two weeks, according to a Reuters tally. Three-quarters of all COVID samples in South Africa are now omicron.

"The critical thing is, over the next week or so, will we see any community transmission from that case," said Andy Pekosz, virologist at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. "That's a critical thing that we want to keep an eye on."

Pekosz said the variant could make the relatively new set of antiviral pills from Merck and Pfizer more important by helping to reduce the severity of infections.



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It Is I

by Pastor Cornelius R. Stam

"Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid" (Mark 6:50).

They thought they had seen a ghost!

Already bone-weary from "toiling and rowing" against a "contrary" wind, and still "in the midst of the sea" though the night was far gone, they saw something in the distance that frightened them even more than the storm itself.

It was a ghost — they thought — and a chilling fear gripped them as they were made to face something they had never experienced before. At first, doubtless, they were petrified, gripped with unspeakable terror. Then they "cried out" and in response came the reassuring voice of their own blessed Master and Lord: "Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid". The grim specter that had filled them with stark dread had turned out to be the Lord Himself, the One whom they loved more deeply than any other on earth. See their faces! Looks of terror have given way now to looks of relief and joy. Their faces now are wreathed in smiles.

What a lesson for God's people in times of crisis! When caught in the grip of unspeakable fear, unable to face what seems to be ahead, it is infinitely blessed to hear His voice, saying, "It is I"; not merely "I am here too", but "It is I". "I am in this trouble you fear to face. Indeed, it is I you will find in all your troubles if you will look at them more closely."

Those who are so careless as to confuse the believer's standing with his condition and experience should take note that it is Paul, the one who writes of our position in the heavens, who says in his very last epistle and in its very last chapter: "At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me... Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me..." (II Tim. 4:16,17).

It was a frightening experience to have to stand as a Christian before the wicked monster, Nero. And standing there alone, forsaken by all, served to add hopelessness to fear. Ah, but in his darkest hour "the Lord stood with him, and strengthened him". Yes, Paul knew something of this, and so might we when alone claim to be. So might we hear those encouraging, comforting words: "Be of good cheer: it



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Guam Board of Barbering and Cosmetology Regular Board Meeting

Monday, December 13, 2021 9:00 AM (ChST)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96649936267?pwd=L1JZTlB1HcFmYTVWUptUVFSZz09>

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GM's EV commercial delivery company opens first dealership in California

By Kalea Hall
The Detroit News

BrightDrop, General Motors Co.'s electric delivery and logistics company, opened a dealership in Greater Los Angeles to further commercialize its EVs, the company said Tuesday.

This is the first dealership for the new business GM introduced at the start of 2021. BrightDrop plans on having a "small, focused dealer network capable of serving fleet customers throughout the United States," according to a press release.

GM formed BrightDrop to aid delivery and logistics companies with elec-

tric software, services and delivery vehicles. BrightDrop's products so far include the EPI, an electric pallet to move product over short distances, and delivery vans: the EV600 and EV410.

BrightDrop has completed the first production builds of the EV600 at a Michigan-based supplier for its first customer, FedEx Express, which ordered 500. The first EV600s for FedEx are supposed to be delivered by the end of 2022.

The larger EV600 will be built at CAMI Assembly in Ontario starting in late 2022. Production of the EV410 is slated to start in 2023 at CAMI.

ELECTRIC VAN: General Motors start-up BrightDrop makes electric delivery vans such as the new mid-size electric light commercial truck EV410, pictured here. It opened a dealership in Greater Los Angeles Tuesday. General Motors/Tribune News Service



Mobil employees donate to Toys for Tots



TOY DONATION: ExxonMobil Recreation Club of Guam and Mobil Oil Guam management and staff present donations for the Guam Chamber of Commerce/Toys for Tots annual toy drive in East Hagåtña on Dec. 7. From left: April Caguin, contractor; Arlene Salas, Mobil; Kenny Palacios, Mobil; Eden Mercado, Mobil; Rose Garcia, Mobil; Gunnery Sgt. Rubin Tan, Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz; Staff Sgt. Anthony Valladares, Camp Blaz; Sergio Alves, Mobil; Catherine Leon Guerrero, Mobil; and Leo Manlapaz, Mobil. Photo courtesy of the Guam Chamber of Commerce

Tim Rock releases 2022 calendars



CALENDARS: Renowned photographer Tim Rock has released four new 2022 calendars. Rock, who has nearly 50 years experience as a photographer, said the content for the calendars was created mostly during the pandemic and all of the photos were taken in Guam and Micronesia. The calendars are available at Island Color & Copy, Faith Bookstore and all Mobil gas stations. Norman M. Taruc/The Guam Daily Post

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Thursday, December 16, 2021 • 4:00PM
 Google Meet Platform: meet.google.com/jhr-bjed-qpf | Live streamed on youtube.com/guamepa

AGENDA: I. Call to Order; II. Approval of Agenda; III. Approval of November 2021 Meeting Minutes; IV. Notices of Violation: Primos Heavy Equipment, Samsung NOV, JJ Pacific Dev, Lin's Hardware, Su & Zheng Corp, Feiyang Construction & Engineering, Piti Failed Septic System, Dusit Thani, Sand Castle, GPPC Inc., Old Royal Palm Garage, Verona, Cardones, No Ka Oi; V. Administrator's Report; VI. 2022-2023 State Revolving Fund Project Priority List; VII. GEPA Permitting (WALTERS); VIII. Air Pollution: State Implementation Plans Update; IX. Performance Evaluations; X. Next meeting date and adjournment

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MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION
 FROM THE FAMILY OF

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 "Vincent Boy"
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We would like to extend our deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to all our families and friends for their love and support during the nightly mass and rosaries, memorial, final viewing, and funeral for our beloved Vincent Boy. Your condolences and prayers will be forever remembered and have helped to comfort us during this difficult time.

Special thanks to Father Carlos S. Vila and the staff of Our Lady of Peace and Safe Journey Church, Chalan Pago Peace Choir, Ada's Mortuary Inc., Vaca Hills Chapel (Vacaville, CA), United Airlines, Mayor Jessy Gogue and the staff of Ordof-Chalan Pago Mayor's Office, Staff of East Island Timing, and Tropicana Las Vegas Surveillance Department (Las Vegas, NV).

May God continue to hold all of us in his great love and grant us peace.

**Un dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase,
 Maraming Salamat Po,
 Thank You!**