



Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024

- 1. Banking giant Capital One is purchasing Discover for \$35.3 billion.**

What to know: The all-stock deal brings together two of the country's largest credit card companies and would make it the biggest credit card lender in the U.S.

Zooming out: Credit card usage has soared in recent months as Americans try to keep up with inflation. The merger, announced yesterday, is likely to face scrutiny from the government.
- 2. A cargo ship was forced to evacuate after a Houthi missile attack.**

What happened? The British-owned cargo ship was at risk of sinking after one of the most damaging attacks yet by Houthis off the coast of Yemen, they claimed yesterday.

Who are they? The Iran-backed militants have been attacking ships in the Red Sea in protest of Israel's war in Gaza. Recent U.S. and British strikes on Houthi targets have failed to deter them.

Today: The U.S. plans to veto a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for an immediate cease-fire in Gaza.
- 3. The Alabama Supreme Court ruled that frozen embryos are children.**

Why? State law says "unborn children are 'children,'" the court explained. So a person who mistakenly destroyed embryos could be held liable in a wrongful-death lawsuit.

The bigger picture: Friday's decision could threaten access to in vitro fertilization, for which multiple embryos are created and then frozen, as well as some contraception.
- 4. The wife of Haiti's late president was accused of involvement in his killing.**

In 2021: A group of gunmen with assault weapons killed President Jovenel Moïse and wounded his wife, Martine, at their home in the hills overlooking Port-au-Prince.

What's new? The former first lady is one of 51 people indicted in the attack, according to a report obtained by The Post yesterday. Her whereabouts are unknown.
- 5. Tinder and Hinge were sued by dating app users.**

Why? For using game-like design features to get people hooked on swiping — not in relationships — according to a suit filed last week. Parent company Match Group called it ridiculous.

Feel like you're addicted? Experts recommend limiting time on dating apps, using them "mindfully" and budgeting carefully for paid features.
- 6. William Byron won the Daytona 500 to open NASCAR's season.**

How it happened: The 26-year-old led only the final four laps, holding off teammate Alex Bowman after an 18-car wreck with eight laps to go shook up the field.

What else to know: Rain delayed the season-opening stock car race by a day. Yesterday's win was a record-tying ninth at Daytona for Hendrick Motorsports.
- 7. John Oliver offered Clarence Thomas \$1 million a year to step down.**

The gambit: The host of HBO's "Last Week Tonight" said on Sunday's show that the Supreme Court justice had 30 days to accept his offer — which includes a \$2.4 million motor coach.

Zooming out: The justice has been criticized for accepting gifts and favors from conservative billionaires. He has denied wrongdoing. Oliver called his proposal "somehow legal."



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Vocabulary 20/02/2024

- 1. all-stock deal -
to soar -
scrutiny -** the price is paid in shares
to rise very quickly to a high level
te careful and detailed examination of something
- 2. to deter -
ceasefire -** to prevent someone from doing something
agreement to stop fighting (Waffenstillstand)
- 3. wrongful -
IVF -
contraception -** illegal
in-vitro fertilisation
a method to prevent a woman from becoming pregnant
- 4. indicted -** officially accused
- 5. Tinder, Hinge -
disgruntled -
to swipe -** dating apps
annoyed, disappointed
to try to hit something
- 6. NASCAR -
Daytona 500 -
wreck -
record-tying -** National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing
auto race covering a distance of 500 miles
accident
scoring a record
- 7. John Oliver -
Clarence Thomas -
HBO -** anchorman of the talk show Last Week Tonight
Supreme Court justice
Home Box Office (TV station)

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