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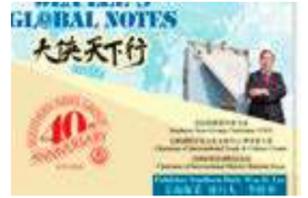
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## Abortions can resume in Texas after judge blocks pre-Roe v. Wade ban

June 28 (Reuters) - Abortions can resume in Texas after a judge on Tuesday blocked officials from enforcing a nearly century-old ban the state's Republican attorney general said was back in effect after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to the procedure nationwide.

The temporary restraining order by Judge Christine Weems in Harris County came in a last-ditch bid by abortion providers to resume services after the U.S. Supreme Court on Friday overturned the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that guaranteed the right of women to obtain abortions.

The order allows clinics to resume services, for now, in a state where abortion was already severely restricted to only up to six weeks of pregnancy under a Texas law that took effect in September that the U.S. Supreme Court declined to block.

"Every hour that abortion is accessible in Texas is a victory," Marc Hearron, a lawyer for the abortion providers at Center for Reproductive Rights, said in a statement.

A further hearing is scheduled for July 12. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's office did not respond to a request for comment.

The decision came amid a flurry of litigation in state courts by abortion rights groups seeking to slow or halt Republican-backed restrictions on the ability of women to terminate pregnancies that are now taking effect or are poised to do so in 22 states. [read more](#)

Those states include 13 that like Texas enacted so-called "trigger" laws designed to take effect if Roe v. Wade was overturned, according to the Guttmacher Institute, an abortion rights advocacy research group.

Following the Supreme Court's decision, federal courts have been lifting orders blocking Republican-backed abortion restrictions. On Tuesday, a federal appeals court cleared the way for a six-week ban in Tennessee to take effect.

Paxton in an advisory issued after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled said the state's 2021 trigger ban, which bars abortions almost entirely, would not take immediate effect. Providers say that could take two months or more.

But Paxton said prosecutors could choose to immediately pursue criminal charges against abortion providers based on a different, old statute that had gone unenforced while Roe v. Wade was on the books but that remained Texas law.



Texas abortion providers in a lawsuit filed on Monday argued the 1925 ban had been repealed and conflicted with the more recent trigger ban the Republican-dominated legislature passed.

The lawsuit was filed the same day that judges in Louisiana and Utah blocked officials from enforcing their states' "trigger" bans, and abortion providers in Idaho, Kentucky and Mississippi sued to obtain similar relief.

The Oklahoma Supreme Court in a 8-1 decision on Monday rejected a request by providers to block implementation of a near-total ban on abortions that took effect in May, before the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling but after a draft version leaked.

Abortion rights protesters demonstrate after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the Dobbs v Women's Health Organization abortion case, overturning the landmark Roe v Wade abortion decision in Los Angeles, California, U.S., June 27, 2022. REUTERS/Lucy Nicholson



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# WEA LEE'S GLOBAL NOTES

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## The Impact Of Abortion Rights

The impact of the U.S. Supreme Court's historic ruling on Friday that struck down a 1973 legal precedent-setting court decision known as Roe vs. Wade was felt immediately with at least 10 states effectively banning abortion as of Saturday night. Another 5 states are expected to enact varying "trigger laws" limiting abortions in coming weeks. In all, 26 states have laws in place that indicate they could outlaw abortion.

that abortion is not a constitutional right and that it is up to the states to decide whether the right will be allowed or not. It is expected that millions of women will lose access to the service. Anti-abortion groups consider this is a great victory for their cause.

President Biden later said in the White House that this is a sad day for the Supreme Court and the country.

The Democratic Party hopes to get more women's votes to provoke resistance to

The Supreme Court ruled by a 6-3 vote



the Republican party in the upcoming mid-term elections in November.

Since the pandemic and inflation have continued to affect the country, we have seen a large influx of many homeless people to the streets of Los Angeles and San Francisco. The streets are now in widespread chaos with mental patients wandering all around. It is very sad to see this

happening. "Is this our country, the United States of America?" was a question asked by a reporter to the mayor of a large U.S. city during an on-air interview. The mayor could not come up with an answer.

The abortion issue really is one of our country's most pressing social problems. We are really a country that lives in two different

worlds with completely different beliefs and values and now we have become a deeply divided nation of two separate communities.

We urge President Biden to turn more of his attention on our domestic issues such as homelessness, mental health and the hunger issue. These are fundamental human rights of our citizens that should not be ignored.



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## Editor's Choice



Law enforcement officers work at the scene where people were found dead inside a trailer truck in San Antonio, Texas. REUTERS/Kaylee Greenlee Beal



An activist with Ocean Rebellion walks to take part in a protest outside the UN Ocean Conference against what they describe as a "war on fish", in Lisbon, Portugal June 27, 2022. REUTERS/Pedro Nunes



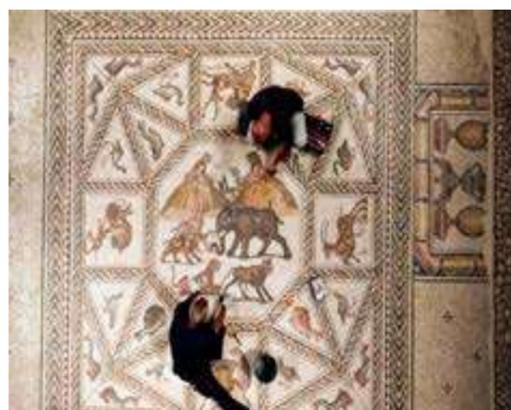
A couple wounded in a shopping mall hit by a Russian missile strike hold hands in a hospital as Russia's attack on Ukraine continues, in Kremenchuk, in Poltava region, Ukraine. REUTERS/Anna Voitenko



Activists sit with their hands glued together while blocking the German Ministry of Finance to demand debt relief for countries of the global south, while the G7 summit takes place in Elmau, in Berlin, Germany. REUTERS/Christian Mang



Britain's Andy Murray celebrates winning his first round match against Australia's James Duckworth, at All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London, Britain. REUTERS/Hannah McKay



Workers clean a restored Roman-era mosaic after it was put on display at its original site in Lod, now an Israeli city where an archaeological centre has been inaugurated in Lod Israel. REUTERS/ Amir Cohen

**Company Offices Now Located In Several States Will Be Combined In The Las Colinas Office**

**Industrial Giant Caterpillar Picks North Texas For Division Move, Hundreds Of Job Openings**

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



Caterpillar is one of the world's largest producers of construction and industrial equipment.

One of the world's largest industrial companies is relocating a major division to Irving that will bring hundreds of jobs. Caterpillar Inc. — the international manufacturer of construction and mining equipment, engines, generators and locomotives — is consolidating workers from its Electric Power Division in Las Colinas. Caterpillar is taking "multiple floors" in the landmark Williams Square high-rise complex on O'Connor Boulevard near Carpenter Freeway.

The company plans to shift functions and hundreds of jobs now in California, Arizona and Indiana to the new location in North Texas.

Jason E. Kaiser — now based in Lafayette, Ind., and vice president of Caterpillar's Electric Power Division — will head the new Texas office.

"We are excited to consolidate the Electric Power leadership and support teams together in Irving, Texas," Kaiser said in a statement. "Our new office in Williams Square will play an integral role in supporting Caterpillar's long-term strategic goal to remain a leader in our industry."

"This location is home to a highly skilled workforce and provides global access to our customers and dealers with centralized proximity to D-FW and Love Field airports."



The Caterpillar division manufactures and sells products including generators, switching gear and other equipment to industrial, utility and business clients. The division has previously had major offices in locations including San Diego, Tucson and Lafayette, Ind. "The capacity of the office will be determined by business needs for the groups based there," Caterpillar's Sara Weitz said in an email. "While members of the Electric Power team are located globally, leadership has previously been based in locations such as Houston, Texas, and Atlanta, Georgia."

"Employees will locate in the D-FW office from several Caterpillar locations and we also expect to hire some employees locally."

Caterpillar is the first big-name business tent to make a move to the iconic Williams Square property since the owners launched a multimillion-dollar makeover of the property. The four-building development was constructed in the 1980s and has more than 1.4 million square feet of offices. The buildings are owned by Apollo Global Real Estate of New York and Vanderbilt Partners of Chicago.



The company has about 120 people in its Irving office at Williams Square in Irving.

The city of Irving is also beginning an \$8 million redo of the public plaza Williams Square with its popular Mustangs of Las Colinas sculpture. The project will add more public gathering space with lawns, trees, landscaping and seating areas. Caterpillar plans to move into the Las Colinas location early next year, said Bill Brokaw, senior vice president of Hillwood Urban, which operates and leases the properties.

Brokaw said the redevelopment of Las Colinas' centerpiece corporate campus helped land the Caterpillar deal, which has been in the works since 2019.



Signage inside the offices of Caterpillar Inc. at Williams Square in Irving.

A big part of it was the amenities and the investment that is being put in with the new mustang plaza and the location," Brokaw said. "This is really a win for the Metroplex and Irving."

Caterpillar is still working out the details and size of the office, which is being designed by Dallas architect Corgan. All Brokaw would say is that "it's more than a couple of floors."

The office space Caterpillar is taking previously housed operations for Pioneer Natural Resources, which moved

to a new headquarters campus in Las Colinas last year. Williams Square includes a 26-story central tower, two 14-story towers and an adjacent five-story office building. "We are thrilled to welcome Caterpillar to Irving-Las Colinas and look forward to developing a strong relationship that spurs job creation and community investment while providing the Caterpillar team with all that our vibrant community has to offer," Irving Mayor Rick Stopfer said in a statement. "Our diverse economy, access to talent and excellent quality of life will benefit the team moving to the region."



Brokaw and Karch Schreiner of Hillwood negotiated the Caterpillar lease with Ned Franke and Matt Heidelbaugh of Cushman & Wakefield. With more than \$41 billion in annual revenues, Caterpillar is one of the world's largest industrial companies. Founded in 1925, the firm has more than 97,000 global employees. In 2017, Caterpillar moved its longtime headquarters from Peoria, Ill., to a new location in suburban Chicago near O'Hare International Airport.

With more than 60% of its business outside the United States, the company said it needed to be close to an international air hub. It's not a headquarters move, but Brokaw said Caterpillar's commitment to Las Colinas is another sign of North Texas' appeal to business.

"This is another signal to the country that D-FW is a hub for companies to relocate," Brokaw said. "This is a high-quality, great name tenant and we couldn't be more excited about them choosing Williams Square."

"We know there are a lot more people looking at the region."

Caterpillar's Product Line Includes A Large Selection Of Heavy Duty Equipment



The company has about 120 workers now in an Irving office and Caterpillar spokeswoman Kate Kenny said the size of its local workforce will depend on future business needs. The international manufacturer of construction and mining equipment, engines, generators and locomotives has had a presence in Texas since the 1960s.

"We believe it's in the best strategic interest of the company to make this move, which supports Caterpillar's strategy for profitable growth as we help our customers build a better, more sustainable world," said chairman and CEO Jim Umpleby in a statement.

Caterpillar, which posted \$51 billion in revenue last year, will become the fifth-largest public company headquartered in North Texas. It will trail only Exxon Mobil, McKesson, AT&T and Energy Transfer. Exxon is moving its Dallas-Fort Worth headquarters to the Houston area next year. The move will make D-FW home to 24 Fortune 500 companies. Ten of those will be in Irving, which bills itself as the "headquarters of headquarters" city. Dallas-based Builders FirstSource recently announced its relocation to Irving. Caterpillar didn't request incentives for the headquarters move, Kenny said.

Beth Bowman, president and CEO of Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce and Irving Economic Development Partnership, said companies choose Irving and D-FW overall because of their business-friendly environment, favorable tax structure and the people.

Jason Kaiser (left), vice president of Caterpillar Inc. with responsibility for its electric power division, and Jaime Mineart, general manager for retail electric power solutions, spoke with the media in May during a tour of Caterpillar's Williams Square offices in Irving.



"Our focus is to make sure Caterpillar, their entire team within their global headquarters, know that they are com-

ing into a community that wants them and we look forward to integrating them," Bowman said.

Gov. Greg Abbott said the company's relocation is a "testament to the boundless opportunity Texas has to offer." He noted that the move means Texas will be home to 54 Fortune 500 companies.

"Businesses of all sizes and people from all backgrounds can grow and succeed in the Lone Star State because we champion a world-class economic environment fueled by the lowest business operating costs in the nation, a reasonable regulatory environment and a lower cost of living coupled with an exceptional quality of life," Abbott said in a statement.

Kenny, the company's global media and public affairs manager, cited talent attraction as a key reason for the move.

"We believe being in the Dallas Fort-Worth market will give us the ability to attract new talent and provide additional career opportunities for our current employees to aid in retention," Kenny said. "The Irving location provides global access to our employees, customers and dealers with close proximity to two major airports."

Caterpillar's office in Irving's landmark Williams Square gives employees a mix of downtown Dallas and suburban residential areas and a range of housing price points and high-quality school districts, Kenny said.



In 2017, the company moved its global headquarters from Peoria, Ill., to Deerfield, Ill., taking over the former headquarters of a premium spirits maker. At the time, Caterpillar did not receive any incentives from Deerfield or the state, according to the Chicago Tribune. There are 230 employees at the Deerfield office, which Kenny said the company expects to relocate to Irving over time. She said the company will keep its Deerfield office lease to allow for a smoother transition.

Caterpillar employed 107,700 workers globally last year, with 63,400 located outside the United States. Its largest business segments are construction industries, which generated \$22.1 billion last year, and energy and transportation, which brought in \$20.3 billion. It also has a financing arm. Over 62% of the company's sales and revenue come from outside the country and over 4 million Caterpillar products operate around the world. There are 124 Texas jobs currently posted at Caterpillar's career site, with roles in Irving, Seguin, Houston and more locations throughout the state. Last year, the company consolidated workers from its electric power division in Las Colinas.

North Texas is gaining the corporate headquarters of a company "positioned to capitalize on an economic recovery, with infrastructure stimulus augmenting 2023 growth," according to Bloomberg Intelligence industrial analyst Christopher Ciolino. The infrastructure funding could create a \$27 billion to \$38 billion revenue opportunity for construction equipment manufacturers over the next five years.

Caterpillar's dealer network includes 44 locations in the U.S. and 116 outside the country. (Courtesy www.dallasnews.com)

**The Fourth Industrial Revolution**

**Robots, Drones And Sensors Are Changing The Way We Farm**

**The Future Of Farming Is Here - High-Tech Brings Agriculture Into The 21st Century**



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Last spring, farmer Brian Tischler was sitting in his tractor when he had an idea. What if his tractor was fully autonomous? Thanks to AgOpenGPS — a software he developed that tracks where crops are seeded — he's had more time to think of new ideas to improve his workflow.

Tischler began creating on the spot, envisioning features for the autonomous tractor like remote control via smartphone, the ability to sense obstacles, and geolocation to ensure the tractor stays within a field. Across the farming industry, tech innovations like Tischler's are revolutioniz-

ing the way agriculture is done. These applications come at a critical time. The world population is expected to swell to 9.8 billion by 2050. Climate change and infectious disease are looming threats to livestock production and crop yield.

Tischler made the tractor program open source, sharing it online so farmers from across the globe can download and develop additions. Tischler, who recently won the 2018 ASTech Award for Outstanding Achievement in Agricultural Innovation, views the software as a way of giving back to the farming community. A lot of

leading-edge technology is not affordable for smaller operations.



"What inspires me is connecting with other people who share how they're using [the software]," says Tischler.

Such innovations have made the \$3 trillion industry more efficient, resourceful, and productive. In recent years, there have been varied applications of agriculture technology: crop-watering drones, software that uses satellites to manage nut and citrus orchards, virtual trials of new farming techniques, genomics testing that can ward off food contamination, and more.

Recent innovations have made the \$3 trillion farming industry more efficient, resourceful and productive.

The DJI "Agricultural Wonder Drone" makes it possible for a single farmer to feed or spray pesticide on as much as 80 acres of crops a day. By comparison, a worker on foot may cover less than one acre in the same amount of time. Using the DJI drone, the farmer maps out the field by walking through it and the unit's controller creates a flight path, almost like a flying Roomba.

In Canada, the R2B2 team of scientists are researching rural connectivity and precision agriculture. Their studies utilize digital devices, applications, and databases of geospatial techniques to analyze and respond to variability in the field.

R2B2 looks at how wireless optimization and tools like sensors and drones support sustainable farming practices. For example, by using sensors to measure moisture and nutrients in the soil, farmers avoid loading up fields with excess irrigation and pesticides, saving money and protecting the environment.



Using linked technologies, a connected farm can also employ solar wireless devices like Ecorobotix, a solar-powered weeding robot. Dr. Helen Hambly, R2B2's lead scientist explains, "In the next generation of farming, there is a lot of monitoring done through connected and wireless devices. Wireless has changed things substantially."

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disease are looming threats to livestock production and crop yield.

Many farmers have adopted precision agriculture practices. Christian Gastón Palmaz, CEO of Napa's Palmaz Vineyards, created VIGOMany farmers have adopted precision agriculture practices. Christian Gastón Palmaz, CEO of Napa's Palmaz Vineyards, created VIGOR (Vineyard Infrared Growth Optical Recognition), smart software that marries infrared imagery with soil moisture measurements. The algorithmic approach ensures that the vines grow at the same rate and that the exact amount of water needed is used—reducing water use by an estimated 20 percent.

Palmaz says, "Big data analytics has had a profound impact on understanding and addressing slight amounts of difference, which would otherwise propagate over time."



Technology can also help manage livestock wellness and reproduction. Remote Insights developed ear tags that monitor sows' behavior, movements, eating and drinking. The data is collected and analyzed to check that the animal has a healthy appetite and normal mobility. Moocall created monitors to check when a female cow is in heat and a pregnant one is ready to give birth. Such forward-thinking equipment can save a farmer numerous trips to the field or barn to review the herd. There's palpable excitement within the field about the myriad of technological possibilities, strengthening old farming traditions, by using technology to answer existing needs. As Hambly says, "This is the farming of the future." (Courtesy https://www.verizon.com)