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Today, sunshine, afternoon clouds, cool, high 53. Tonight, cloudy, a shower late, low 44. Tomorrow, a morning shower, afternoon sun, high 59. Weather map, Page B10.

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## Mourning the Dead in Southern Lebanon

Families gathered on Monday for a mass funeral for nine people. The cease-fire has given them a chance to bury their relatives.

## Cook to Retire After Leading Apple to Riches

By KALLEY HUANG and TRIPP MICKLE

SAN FRANCISCO — Tim Cook, Apple's chief executive, said on Monday that he would step down after nearly 15 years running an operation that rode the wild popularity of the iPhone to become one of the most influential and valuable companies in the world.

Mr. Cook, 65, will move into a new role as Apple's executive chairman in September and be succeeded in the company's corner office by John Ternus, the 50-year-old head of Apple's hardware engineering.

The retirement of Mr. Cook will end one of the most successful management runs in the history of American business. During his tenure, Apple's annual profit quadrupled to more than \$110 billion, and its value ballooned more than tenfold to \$4 trillion.

Mr. Cook replaced the Apple co-founder Steve Jobs shortly before Mr. Jobs's death in 2011, having earned a reputation for perfecting the nuts and bolts of a global consumer electronics business.

Apple has since defined how a modern technology company operates, with products assembled in a supply chain that stretches from the giant operations that Mr. Cook helped create in China to India and Brazil and a popular retail business that operates on five continents.

"He stepped into the world's biggest shoes — the biggest shoes that anybody on the planet has ever had to step into — and he's done an amazing job," said Peter Oppenheimer, Apple's chief financial officer from 2004 to 2014.

Mr. Ternus joined Apple in 2001 and rose through its ranks as he oversaw the development of Macs and iPads. He will be Apple's eighth chief executive since its founding 50 years ago and its third since Mr. Jobs returned in 1997 to pull the company from the brink of bankruptcy.

"I am filled with optimism about what we can achieve in the years to come," Mr. Ternus said in a statement. "I promise to lead with the values and vision that have come to define this special place for half a century," he added.

Mr. Ternus will take over a company that has not created a new mainstream product in a number of years and faces questions about

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## Pakistan Tries to Rein In Shiite Anger Over War

By ZIA ur-REHMAN

KARACHI, Pakistan — While Pakistan has become the central mediator between the United States and Iran in negotiations to end the war, its leaders are scrambling to contain the fallout of the conflict at home.

On March 18, just days before Pakistan's army chief, Field Marshal Asim Munir, emerged as the main interlocutor between the United States and Iran, he summoned Pakistan's leading Shiite clerics for a meeting. News of the killing of Iran's supreme leader, who is also a spiritual guide for many Shiites worldwide, had set

### Complicating Country's Role as Mediator to Iran and the U.S.

off unrest in parts of Pakistan, and the meeting was widely seen as an attempt to prevent the violence from spreading further.

"Violence in Pakistan, on the basis of incidents occurring in another country, will not be tolerated," the field marshal warned the clerics, according to the military's media wing.

Some clerics who attended the

meeting described it as tense and said they felt their loyalty to Pakistan had been questioned. Others said his remarks — suggesting that those loyal to Iran should leave Pakistan — had been misinterpreted, and they gave the army chief credit for trying to restore order.

But while Pakistan's diplomacy has won praise from President Trump and leaders across the region, the sense of grievance has

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Students in Bhaktapur, near Kathmandu, last month as voters elected a 35-year-old prime minister.

## Nepalis Ask if a Revolution Can Deliver on Hope

This article is by Hannah Beech, Binod Ghimire and Sajal Pradhan.

KATHMANDU, Nepal — Last September, Bhabu Gupta, 28, was dragging bodies away from Nepal's Parliament through gunfire. Security forces were stalking young protesters who, at his urging, held up the pirate flag that is a worldwide symbol of Gen Z resistance.

The defiance of Mr. Gupta and his peers during an uprising that toppled the government still flashed last month, but it was

### Youth, Now in Charge, Take On Big Burden

joined by a new emotion: hope. He and a group of villagers from Nepal's south, where more than half of youths leave for jobs abroad, gathered to celebrate Holi, the colorful festival of renewal, and to support his candidacy for Parliament.

Only a few days before the elections last month, the men smeared

bright powders on Mr. Gupta's face. His sweat-misted visage turned green, then purple, then yellow, then red. He blinked. A fine fuchsia fluttered from his eyelashes.

Mr. Gupta won, and so did many of his Gen Z protest cohort. The elections handed a landslide victory to the youth-driven Rastriya Swatantra Party, giving it a mandate not seen in decades. Nearly 10 percent of Nepal's recently elected lawmakers are 30 or younger, compared with less than

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## U.S. Begins First Steps To Refund \$166 Billion Taken for Illegal Tariffs

### Payments for Importers, Not Consumers

By TONY ROMM and ANA SWANSON

WASHINGTON — When President Trump unveiled his sprawling global tariffs last spring, he boasted that they would generate windfall profits and "make America wealthy again."

But after suffering a significant Supreme Court defeat, Mr. Trump is about to pay the money back.

The Trump administration on Monday took its first steps toward returning more than \$166 billion collected from tariffs that were struck down in February. Just over a year after imposing many of the duties, the government began accepting requests for refunds, surrendering its prized source of revenue — plus interest.

For some U.S. businesses, the highly anticipated refunds could be substantial, offering critical if belated financial relief. Tariffs are taxes on imports, so the president's trade policies have served as a great burden for companies that rely on foreign goods. Many have had to choose whether to absorb the duties, cut other costs or pass on the expenses to consumers.

By Monday morning, those companies could begin submitting documentation to the government to recover what they paid in illegal tariffs. In a sign of the expected demand, more than 3,000 businesses, including FedEx and Costco, had already sued the Trump administration in a bid to secure their refunds before the application website launched, with some cases filed even predating the Supreme Court's ruling.

But only the entities that officially paid the tariffs are eligible to recover that money. That means that the fuller universe of people affected by Mr. Trump's policies — including millions of Americans who paid higher prices for the products they bought — are not

able to apply for direct relief.

The extent to which consumers realize any gain hinges on whether businesses share the proceeds, something that few have publicly committed to do. Some have started to band together in class-action lawsuits in the hopes of receiving a payout.

Many business owners said they weren't sure how easy the tariff refund process would be, particularly given Mr. Trump's stated opposition to returning the money. The administration has suggested that it may be months before companies see any money. Adding to the uncertainty, the White House has declined to say if it might still try to return to court in a bid to halt some or all of the refunds.

Melkon Khosrovian, the co-founder of Greenbar Distillery in Los Angeles, prepared for the refund process by readying documents and registering on the new government refund portal.

Mr. Trump's duties had been a "nightmare" for his distillery, he said, which requires foreign-grown ingredients like vanilla, nutmeg, juniper berries, coffee,

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Companies like FedEx had already sued for tariff refunds.

## California Suit Says Amazon Skewed Prices

By DAVID McCABE

WASHINGTON — Amazon engaged in price fixing by pressuring major brands like Levi's and Hanes to ask competing retailers to raise prices on certain products, according to a newly unsealed filing released Monday in a California antitrust lawsuit against the e-commerce giant.

California sued Amazon in San Francisco Superior Court in 2022 over allegations the retailer harms competition and increases prices that consumers pay online. The lawsuit, which is scheduled to go to trial next year, claimed Amazon punished sellers on its marketplace for offering lower prices on other websites, like those of Walmart or Target.

Now, the state is providing more details on ways Amazon pressured brands to urge other retailers to increase prices. In the 16-page filing, Amazon asked the brands to get involved when it spotted a competitor's lower price or was losing money selling an item. As a result of the pressure, rival sites raised their prices for the products, the state said.

"You don't see price fixing so explicitly and egregiously in writing like this," California's attorney general, Rob Bonta, said in an interview.

The newly unsealed filing offers a rare behind-the-scenes look at how Amazon operates its \$2.66 trillion empire. The Seattle com-

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## Epstein Found Willing Allies Inside Harvard

By MARK ARSENAULT and DEBRA KAMIN

Jeffrey Epstein walked out of Palm Beach County jail in July 2009, after serving 13 months for solicitation and prostitution with a minor.

Back at his waterfront mansion, he immediately began working to rebuild a cherished relationship, his connection to Harvard University.

"home and free," Mr. Epstein wrote by email the day of his release, in a message contained among documents recently made public by the federal government. The recipient was Stephen Kosslyn, a Harvard professor of psychology at the time.

"Hi Jeffrey!!!!!!" the professor replied. "THIS IS FABULOUS!" For a decade, Mr. Epstein had used the power of his money and the force of his personality to carve a unique place for himself at Harvard. He became not just a patron of the sciences but also a faux researcher himself.

While that relationship has been well documented for years, a review of the new materials released by the Justice Department shows for the first time how far Harvard professors went to help him, even after he became a convicted sex offender and Harvard banned his donations. It also highlights gaps in Harvard's own review of the depth and extent of Mr. Epstein's ties to campus.

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The Mixtec people in Mexico regard a type of marine snails, "milked" to obtain a radiant purple dye, as sacred. But the fate of the creatures is unclear. PAGE D1



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