

## Defense chiefs' tank dispute unresolved

*Associated Press*

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Defense leaders meeting at a U.S. air base in Germany on Friday failed to resolve divisions over providing advanced battle tanks to Ukraine after more than five hours of discussions about sending more military aid to the embattled country in its war with Russia.

The defense minister of Poland, which has pledged a company of 14 Leopard 2 tanks on condition that other countries also supply them, said 15 countries that have the German-made Leopards discussed the issue but no decisions were made.

Polish Defense Minister Mariusz Blaszczak called the meeting a “good discussion among allies” and said the matter would be discussed again at future talks.

Germany would need to consent for the tanks to be given to Ukraine, which is not a NATO member. Despite pleas from Ukrainian officials, Germany has so far resisted mounting

pressure to quickly supply Leopards to Kyiv, or at least clear the way for other countries, such as Poland, to deliver them from their own stocks.

The U.S. has resisted providing its own M1 Abrams tanks to Ukraine, citing extensive and complex maintenance and logistical challenges with the high-tech vehicle. Washington believes it would be more productive to send German Leopards since many allies have them and Ukrainian troops would need less training than on the more difficult Abrams.

U.S. and German officials have given mixed signals about whether Germany is hesitant to provide the Leopards unless the U.S. provides Abrams tanks. A U.S. official familiar with White House thinking reiterated that Germany has expressed hesitation to providing its tanks without the U.S. sending Abrams. The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the Biden administration deliberations, added that there was some bewilderment

in the administration over the German position, since Britain, another NATO ally, has already agreed to provide tanks.

But Steffen Hebestreit, a spokesman for the German government, denied that Berlin demanded that the U.S. supply Abrams tanks alongside any shipment of Leopards.

At a news conference Friday, U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin noted Germany's denial that it had linked one type of tank to the other. “This notion of our locking, you know, in my mind, it's not an issue, he said.”

Ukrainian leaders and supporters of Kyiv have repeatedly criticized Germany for what they see as holding back critical assistance in the war. U.S. Defense chief Austin defended German leaders after Friday's meeting. Asked by a reporter if Germany was doing enough to show “real leadership” in Europe, Austin replied, “Yes, but we can all do more.”

“They are a reliable ally and they've been that way for for a very, very long time,” he said.

“And I truly believe that they'll continue to be a reliable ally going forward.”

Austin also downplayed the immediate importance of tanks, noting that Stryker combat vehicles and Bradley armored vehicles being sent for the first time would give Ukraine new capabilities in the war. “This isn't really about one single platform,” he said.

Speaking to reporters outside the conference hall at midday, German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius said that while there was no resolution yet, “we will make our decisions as soon as possible.”

He said he had ordered the ministry to look into the tank stocks Germany has so he can be prepared for a possible green light and be able to “act immediately.” Pistorius added that Germany will “balance all the pros and contras before we decide things like that. ... I am very sure that there will be a decision in the short term but ... I don't know how the decision will look.”

## Russia claims progress in eastern Ukraine offensive

*Associated Press*

KYIV, Ukraine — Russia claimed Friday to have captured a village in eastern Ukraine as part of its intense, monthslong push toward the city of Bakhmut, while military analysts cautioned that tanks Kyiv hopes to receive from Western allies wouldn't provide a magic wand to end the almost 11-month war.

Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said the village of Klishchiivka, which is located five miles south of Bakhmut, had been “liberat-

ed.”

The claim couldn't be independently verified, and Ukrainian officials made no immediate comment on the claim.

Taking Klishchiivka would be only a minor breakthrough, but the Kremlin is hungry for good news from the battlefield after months of setbacks.

Bakhmut, on the other hand, would be a bigger prize. It could allow Russia to disrupt Ukrainian supply lines in the east and threaten other Ukrainian-held cities in the surrounding Donetsk region.

The war has been largely static during the winter months, according to military analysts, except for some hot spots like Bakhmut and Soledar, a nearby salt mining town.

The Kremlin's forces have kept up their long-distance shelling of Ukrainian targets, hitting key infrastructure and civilian areas, while probing Ukrainian defenses in the east.

The Ukrainian presidential office said at least five civilians were killed between Thursday and Friday mornings, and six others were wounded as Rus-

sian forces shelled seven provinces in the country's south and east.

Ukrainian troops repelled Russian attacks near a number of settlements in Donetsk and the neighboring Luhansk region, the General Staff of the Ukraine's armed forces said.

John Lough, an associate fellow in the Russia and Eurasia program at the Chatham House think tank in London, said the Ukraine battlefield situation is “inconclusive,” with a renewed Russian push expected in the spring.

# President on classified docs case: 'There's no there there'

*Associated Press*

APTOS, Calif. — A frustrated President Joe Biden said Thursday there is “no there there” when he was persistently questioned about the discovery of classified documents and official records at his home and former office.

“We found a handful of documents were filed in the wrong place,” Biden said to reporters who questioned him during a tour of the damage from storms in California. “We immediately turned them over to the Archives and the Justice Department.”

Biden said he was “fully cooperating and looking forward to getting this resolved quickly.”

“I think you’re going to find there’s nothing there,” he said. “There’s no there there.”

The White House has disclosed that Biden attorneys found classified documents and official records on four occasions in recent months — on Nov. 2 at the offices of the Penn

Biden Center in Washington, and then in follow-up searches on Dec. 20 in the garage of the president’s home in Wilmington, Delaware, and on Jan. 11 and 12 in the president’s home library.

The discovery complicates a federal probe into former President Donald Trump, who the Justice Department says took hundreds of records marked classified with him upon leaving the White House in early 2021 and resisted months of requests to return them to the government.

The two cases are different — Biden for example, willingly turned over the documents once found.

But the issue is wearing on the president and his aides, who have repeatedly said they acted swiftly and appropriately when the documents were discovered, and are working to be as transparent as possible though key questions remain unanswered.

Attorney General Merrick

Garland last week appointed Robert Hur, a former Maryland U.S. attorney, to serve as special counsel to oversee the Justice Department’s inquiry into the documents.

Garland said the extraordinary circumstances warranted a special counsel, and he also made the decision in part to show the Justice Department’s “commitment to both independence and accountability in particularly sensitive matters.”

Hur is taking over for federal prosecutor John Lausch, who was initially asked to review the documents and whose team has already been interviewing former Biden aides responsible for packing up boxes during his time as vice president.

Those interviews include Kathy Chung, who served as an administrative assistant during that time, according to a person familiar with the matter who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation.

# High court leaker still unknown

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Thursday an eight-month investigation that included more than 120 interviews and revealed shortcomings in how sensitive documents are secured has failed to find who leaked a draft of the court’s opinion overturning abortion rights.

Ninety-seven employees, including the justices’ law clerks, swore under oath that they did not disclose a draft of Justice Samuel Alito’s opinion that overturned *Roe v. Wade*, the court said.

It was unclear whether the justices were questioned about the leak, which was the first time an entire opinion made its way to the public before the court was ready to announce it.

Politico published its explosive leak detailing the Alito draft in early May. Chief Justice John Roberts ordered an investigation into what he termed an “egregious breach of trust.”

On Thursday, the court said its investigative team “has to date been unable to identify a person responsible by a preponderance of the evidence.”

The investigation has not come to an end, the court said. A few inquiries and the analysis of electronic data remain.

The court said it could not rule out that the opinion was inadvertently disclosed, “for example, by being left in a public space either inside or outside the building.”

While not identifying the leaker, the investigation turned up problems in the court’s internal practices, some of which were exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic and the shift to working from home.

# Trump, lawyer get big fine for ‘frivolous’ suit

*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — A Florida Judge sanctioned former President Donald Trump and one of his attorneys Thursday, ordering them to pay nearly \$1 million for filing what he said was a bogus lawsuit against Trump’s 2016 rival Hillary Clinton and others.

In a blistering filing, U.S. District Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks accused Trump of a “pattern of abuse of the courts” for filing frivolous lawsuits for political purposes, which he said “undermines the rule of

law” and “amounts to obstruction of justice.”

“Here, we are confronted with a lawsuit that should never have been filed, which was completely frivolous, both factually and legally, and which was brought in bad faith for an improper purpose,” he wrote.

Citing Trump’s recent legal action against the Pulitzer Prize board, New York Attorney General Letitia James, big tech companies and CNN, he described Trump as “a prolific and sophisticated litigant” who uses the courts “to seek revenge

on political adversaries.”

“He is the mastermind of strategic abuse of the judicial process,” he wrote.

The ruling required Trump and his attorney, Alina Habba, to pay nearly \$938,000 to the defendants in the case.

Middlebrooks in September dismissed the suit Trump had filed against Clinton, former top FBI officials and the Democratic Party, rejecting the former president’s claims that they and others conspired to sink his winning presidential campaign by alleging ties to Russia.

# Google cuts 12K jobs amid tech layoffs

Associated Press

LONDON — Google is laying off 12,000 workers, or about 6% of its workforce, becoming the latest tech company to trim staff as the economic boom that the industry rode during the COVID-19 pandemic ebbs.

Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai, the parent company of Google, informed staff Friday at the Silicon Valley giant about the cuts in an email that was also posted on the company's news blog.

It's one of the company's biggest-ever round of layoffs and adds to tens of thousands of other job losses recently announced by Microsoft, Amazon, Facebook parent Meta and other tech companies as they tighten their belts amid a darkening outlook for the industry. Just this month, there have been at least 48,000 job cuts announced by major companies in the sector.

"Over the past two years we've seen peri-

ods of dramatic growth," Pichai wrote. "To match and fuel that growth, we hired for a different economic reality than the one we face today."

He said the layoffs reflect a "rigorous review" carried out by Google of its operations.

The jobs being eliminated "cut across Alphabet, product areas, functions, levels and regions," Pichai said. He said he was "deeply sorry" for the layoffs.

Regulatory filings illustrate how Google's workforce swelled during the pandemic, ballooning to nearly 187,000 people by late last year from 119,000 at the end of 2019.

Pichai said that Google, founded nearly a quarter of a century ago, was "bound to go through difficult economic cycles."

"These are important moments to sharpen our focus, reengineer our cost base, and direct our talent and capital to our highest priorities," he wrote.

There will be job cuts in the U.S. and in other unspecified countries, according to Pichai's letter.

The tech industry has been forced to freeze hiring and cut jobs "as the clock has struck midnight on hyper growth and digital advertising headwinds are on the horizon," Wedbush Securities analysts Dan Ives, Taz Kouljagi and John Katsingris wrote Friday.

Just this week, Microsoft announced 10,000 job cuts, or nearly 5% of its workforce. Amazon said this month its cutting 18,000 jobs, although that's a fraction of its 1.5 million strong workforce, while business software maker Salesforce is laying off about 8,000 employees, or 10% of the total. Last fall Facebook parent Meta announced it would shed 11,000 positions, or 13% of its workers. Elon Musk slashed jobs at Twitter after after he acquired the social media company last fall.

# T-Mobile says data on 37 million customers stolen

Associated Press

BOSTON — The U.S. wireless carrier T-Mobile said Thursday that an unidentified malicious intruder breached its network in late November and stole data on 37 million customers, including addresses, phone numbers and dates of birth.

T-Mobile said in a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that the breach was discovered Jan. 5. It said the data exposed to theft — based on its investigation to date — did not include passwords or PINs, bank account or credit card information, Social Security numbers

or other government IDs.

"Our investigation is still ongoing, but the malicious activity appears to be fully contained at this time," T-Mobile said, with no evidence the intruder was able to breach the company's network. It said the data was first accessed on or around Nov. 25.

T-Mobile said it has notified law enforcement and federal agencies, which it did not name. It did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

The company has been hacked multiple times in recent years. In its filing, T-Mo-

bile said it did not expect the latest breach to have material impact on its operations. But a senior analyst for Moody's Investors Service, Neil Mack, said in a statement that the breach raises questions about management's cyber governance and could alienate customers and attract scrutiny by the Federal Communications Commission and other regulators.

"While these cybersecurity breaches may not be systemic in nature, their frequency of occurrence at T-Mobile is an alarming outlier relative to telecom peers," Mack said.

# Police: Ind. shooter killed after injuring 1 at Walmart

Associated Press

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — A 25-year-old man opened fire at a Walmart store in Indiana where he once worked, wounding at least one person before officers fatally shot him, authorities said Friday.

The gunman was identified as Ronald Ray Mosley II by Sgt. Anna Gray of the Evansville Police Department. She said Mosley had previously worked at the store in the city in southwest Indiana.

Officer Taylor Merriss said Friday that a female employee was struck when Mosley opened fire Thursday night.

Police didn't immediately release the victim's name or age or the extent of her injuries.

But Merriss said she "was able to talk when she was taken away from the scene," the Evansville Courier & Press reported.

Evansville police and Vanderburgh County sheriff's deputies responded to a report of an active shooter in the store at around 10 p.m. Thursday, police said.

Merriss said customers and employees tried to hide or escape before officers arrived and entered in search of the shooter as he stalked through the store during the shooting, which lasted about 15 minutes.

"There were multiple officers looking for the offender. And he could come around the corner at any time," said Merriss, who described the body camera footage as "eerie."

Merriss said that, according to body camera footage reviewed by police, Mosley tried to exit the store but was met at the door by officers. Mosley then went back inside and was fatally shot by law enforcement officers during an exchange of gunfire.

"When officers went in, they were trying to locate the suspect and he was all over the store. He would shoot at officers and move. So it wasn't contained to just one area inside," she said.

Gray said that police did not immediately know how many people, aside from the female employee, that Mosley had shot, saying there could have been additional victims who fled the scene.



# Drug decriminalization gets poor marks

Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. — Oregon's first-in-the-nation drug decriminalization has had a rocky start, but Secretary of State Shemia Fagan said Thursday in releasing an audit of the program that it's too early to call it a failure.

Decriminalization of personal-use amounts of drugs, approved by voters in 2020 under Ballot Measure 110, was supposed to channel hundreds of millions of dollars of marijuana tax revenues into drug treatment and harm reduction. But that hasn't yet translated into an improved care network for a state with the second-highest rate of substance use disorder in the nation and ranked 50th for access to treatment.

"When Oregonians passed Measure 110, we expected that our loved ones battling addiction would have access to treat-

ment and a chance for a better life," Fagan told reporters in a Zoom press conference. "We expected there will be fewer of our neighbors struggling on the streets."

Instead, the funding has been slow getting out of the gate and instances of drug abuse and overdose deaths have increased.

Other states that might consider following Oregon's path — which a few countries including Portugal have taken — will likely assess how well, or badly, it has gone. Portugal's approach, though, is more vigorous than Oregon's in getting people to treatment. There, "dissuasion commissions" pressure anyone caught using drugs to seek treatment.

Asked in the news conference what grade he would assign Oregon's program thus far, auditor Ian Green said "maybe a C."

Audits Director Kip Memmott gave it a D and Fagan said she'd assign an "incomplete."

The director of the Oregon Health Authority, which helps establish the measure's drug treatment aspects, blamed the funding delays on "ambitious implementation timelines and stretched OHA staffing resources due to the pandemic," along with a shift in decision-making roles that required building new relationships.

"I recognize that Measure 110's success depends on Oregon's ability to solve many larger challenges in the behavioral health system, such as the need to expand treatment capacity and better support counselors and other workers," said OHA Director James Schroeder, who was appointed this month by recently elected Gov. Tina Kotek.

Schroeder said Kotek has made improving Oregon's be-

havioral health system and Measure 110 implementation a top priority.

Among the audit's recommendations: The health authority should publish a plan by September on integrating Measure 110 into the state's overall behavioral health system; improve data collection so the ballot measure's effectiveness can be tracked by policymakers and the public; and set clear expectations, roles and responsibilities.

Another setback of the measure is the lack of people with substance abuse disorders who are seeking help after being ticketed for drug possession and given a hotline number.

In the first year after the new approach took effect in February 2021, only 1% of people who received citations for possessing controlled substances sought help via the new hotline.

## Polar bear emerged unseen from snowstorm to kill mother and son

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Summer Myomick bundled her baby against the freezing winds whipping off the Bering Sea and stepped outside into a blur of blowing snow. It was a short walk from the school where she had visited relatives to the health clinic about 150 yards away, but the young mother could hardly have seen where she was going — or the terror that was approaching.

Myomick, 24, and her son, 1-year-old Clyde Ongtowasruk, made it just beyond the front of the Kingikmiut School in Wales, Alaska, just below the Arctic Circle, when a polar bear emerged from the impenetrable snow squall and mauled them Tuesday. It was the first fatal polar bear attack in 30 years in Alaska, the only U.S. state that is home to

the animals.

As the attack unfolded, the principal ordered a lockdown and closed the blinds so the children couldn't see what was happening outside the entrance. Several employees and community members left the safety of the building and tried to scare away the bear with shovels.

The mauling stopped temporarily, but only when the animal turned on them, and they rushed back inside. Principal Dawn Hendrickson slammed the door in the face of the charging bear, possibly saving lives, according to Susan Nedza, chief administrator of the Bering Strait School District.

"The polar bear was chasing them and tried to get in as well," said Nedza, who received frantic calls about the attack in Unalakleet, about 250 miles away. "Just

horrific. ... Something you never think you would ever experience."

There is no law enforcement in Wales, so with the bear still outside, a call went out to community members for help. A person who has not been identified showed up with a gun and killed the bear as it continued to maul Myomick and her son.

It appears the mother and toddler had no idea what was coming because of low visibility, Alaska State Troopers spokesperson Austin McDaniel said Thursday.

The immediate family was living at the school temporarily while they were fixing electrical issues in their home, according to a post on a GoFundMe fundraising site established to help the family "in the face of unfathomable tragedy and heartbreak."

## US home sales decline by 18%

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Sales of previously occupied U.S. homes slipped nearly 18% in 2022, the slowest year for the housing market in nearly a decade.

The National Association of Realtors said Friday that existing home sales totaled 5.03 million last year, a 17.8% decline from 2021. That marks the weakest year for home sales since 2014 and the biggest annual decline since 2008, following the foreclosure crisis of the late 2000s.

Even so, the median national home price for all of last year jumped 10.2% to \$386,300, the NAR said.

Mortgage rates more than doubled in 2022, climbing to a two-decade high of 7.08% in the fall as the Federal Reserve continued to boost its key lending rate in its quest to cool the economy and tame inflation.

# 100 killed in intense battle in Somalia

*Associated Press*

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Somalia's government and al-Qaida-linked fighters both claimed more than 100 people were killed Friday in their deadliest battle since the government launched a major military offensive against the extremists in August.

The government in a statement asserted that more than 100 al-Shabab extremists died after they attacked a Somali National Army base in the Galgudud region village of Galcad

that was recently retaken from the fighters' control.

The government statement said seven soldiers, including an officer from the elite, U.S.-trained Danab brigade, were killed in the "intense attack" but asserted that the military remained in control of the base. The government expressed gratitude to international allies that assisted in the battle.

A spokesman for the Al-Shabab extremists, Sheikh Abu Musab, asserted that more than 150 Somali soldiers and officers

were killed.

Neither side's claim could be independently verified, but Galcad resident Abukar Uluso told The Associated Press there was heavy gunfire exchanged.

"It was during the dawn prayer when I heard the sound of explosions followed by an exchange of gunfire," Uluso said. "Most fatalities were among the two sides, and the civilian casualties are minimal since the attack took place inside the army base."

Somalia's government last

year declared "total war" against al-Shabab. The extremist group has thousands of fighters and has long held parts of central and southern Somalia, and often carries out high-profile attacks in the capital, Mogadishu.

The government in recent months claimed success in retaking many communities during what has been described as the most significant offensive in more than a decade. Analysts have warned that holding the territory will be a challenge.

## Protests move into Peru's capital, met by tear gas

*Associated Press*

LIMA, Peru — Thousands of protesters demanding the ouster of President Dina Boluarte poured into Peru's capital, clashing with police who fired tear gas. Many came from remote regions, where dozens have died in unrest that has gripped the country since Peru's first leader from a rural Andean background was removed from office last month.

The protests have been marked by Peru's worst political violence in more than two decades and highlighted deep divisions between the country's urban elite, largely concentrated in Lima, and poor rural areas. Former President Pedro Castillo has been in detention and is expected to be tried for rebellion since he was impeached after a failed attempt to dissolve Congress.

Thursday was mostly quiet,

but punctuated by scuffles and tear gas. The government called on everyone who could to work from home. After sundown, clashes escalated, and late that night, a major fire broke out at a building near the historic Plaza San Martin, although no connection to the protests was immediately clear.

Anger at Boluarte was the common thread Thursday as protesters chanted calls for her resignation and street sellers hawked T-shirts saying, "Dina murderer, Peru repudiates you," and "New elections, let them all leave."

Peru's ombudsman said at least 13 civilians and four police officers were injured in the Lima protests Thursday. A total of 22 police officers and 16 civilians were injured Thursday throughout the country, Interior Minister Vicente Romero Fernández said.

## French leader proposes increased military spending plan until 2030

*Associated Press*

MONT-DE-MARSAN, France — French President Emmanuel Macron on Friday proposed a substantial boost in defense spending through the end of this decade and a "transformation" of France's nuclear-armed military to face evolving threats and take into account the impact of the war in Ukraine.

Macron announced a proposal for 413 billion euros in military spending for the period of 2024-2030, to ensure "our freedom, our security, our prosperity, our place in the world." That compares with spending of about 295 billion euros in a similar military plan for 2019-2025.

He made the announcement in a speech to military personnel addressing new defense

strategy in the wake of the Ukraine war and other threats. He noted threats from hybrid warfare, growing cyber attacks on critical infrastructure and continued threats from terrorism.

The plan is meant to take into account the consequences of the war in Ukraine, and to boost defense spending in the coming years to reinforce France's domestic security and the country's ability to operate abroad.

Macron also called for modernizing France's nuclear arsenal. He wants France's military strategy to strengthen the country's role as an independent global power.

Friday's speech comes as defense officials from the U.S. and allies are meeting in Ramstein, Germany, to discuss further help for Ukraine.

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# Celtics defeat Warriors 121-118 in OT

Associated Press

BOSTON — Jayson Tatum scored 34 points with a career-high 19 rebounds, following Al Horford's overtime 3-pointer with one of his own on Thursday night to help the Celtics pull away from Golden State in an NBA Finals rematch and beat the Warriors 121-118.

Jaylen Brown added 16 points and nine rebounds, making a 3-pointer with 18 seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime. Horford had 20 points, 10 boards and three blocked shots for the Celtics, who lost to the Warriors in the NBA Finals in six games and then lost a fourth straight game to them in their first regular-season matchup in December.

Stephen Curry scored 29 points, Jordan Poole had 24 and Klay Thompson also had 24 before fouling out in overtime for the defending champions, who fell to 5-18 on the road this season.

The Warriors won the finals in Game 6 in Boston, and then won the first rematch of the regular season on Dec. 10 in San

Francisco. Although the Celtics have the best record in the NBA this season, the losses to Golden State still rankle them.

**Suns 117, Nets 112:** Mikal Bridges scored 28 points, Deandre Ayton had 24 points and 14 rebounds and Phoenix held off Brooklyn.

Brooklyn fought back from 20 points down in the fourth quarter to make things tight in the final minute.

Kyrie Irving — who scored 21 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter — hit a 3-pointer to cut it to 113-110 with 10.9 seconds remaining. After the Suns hit a free throw, Nic Claxton's dunk with 7.4 seconds made it 114-112, but that's as close as the Nets would get to taking the lead.

Brooklyn has lost four straight. The Suns snapped a three-game losing streak.

The Suns welcomed back forward Cam Johnson, who played for the first time in more than two months because of a knee injury. He had 19 points and made four crucial free throws in the final 20 seconds.

**76ers 105, Trail Blazers 95:**

Joel Embiid scored 32 points and Philadelphia stretched its winning streak to four games, all on the road, with a victory over Portland.

James Harden added 16 points, 14 assists and 10 rebounds for the Sixers, who led by as many as 26 points before holding off a late Portland rally.

Damian Lillard had 25 points and 11 assists for the Blazers and Jerami Grant scored 24 points against his former team.

**Bulls 126, Warriors 108:** With Victor Wembanyama sitting courtside and watching some of the players he'll go up against next season, Zach Lavine scored 30 points and Chicago never trailed in a win over Detroit at the NBA Paris Game.

DeMar DeRozan added 26 points for the Bulls, and Nikola Vucevic finished with 16 points, 15 rebounds and six assists.

Bojan Bogdanovic led the Pistons with 25 points. Killian Hayes, the only French player on either roster, scored four points for Detroit on 2-of-13 shooting, but had a game-high eight assists.

Hamidou Diallo had 17 points on 7-for-8 shooting for Detroit, while Saddiq Bey and Jaden Ivey each scored 16 for the Pistons.

**Timberwolves 128, Raptors 126:** D'Angelo Russell scored 16 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter, Anthony Edwards had 23 and Minnesota rallied to beat Toronto.

Kyle Anderson added 20 points and 10 rebounds for Minnesota, which was down Rudy Gobert and Austin Rivers and playing the second game of a back-to-back after a fourth-quarter collapse a night earlier in Denver.

The Timberwolves erased a 14-point deficit midway through the fourth with a defensive effort not typically seen from Minnesota, particularly without Gobert making an impact down low. Toronto scored just seven points in the final 9:46.

Scottie Barnes had 12 of his season-high 29 points in the fourth for Toronto, which had won four of six. Fred VanVleet added 25 points and 10 assists for the Raptors.

## No. 6 Gonzaga's 75-game home win streak snapped

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Cam Shelton banked in a go-ahead runner with 13 seconds left and Loyola Marymount snapped No. 6 Gonzaga's 75-game home winning streak with a 68-67 victory Thursday night.

The home streak for the Bulldogs (16-4, 5-1 West Coast Conference) tied Long Beach State (from 1968-74) for the eighth-longest in Division I history.

Shelton scored 27 points to lead the Lions (14-7, 4-3). They hadn't won in Spokane since 1991 and had lost 25 straight overall to the Zags.

Gonzaga had won 93 straight games against unranked opponents with 69 of those coming at

home, and had won its previous 116 WCC games against teams other than Saint Mary's and BYU.

Gonzaga's streak of 36 straight wins in the month of January also ended. The Bulldogs had won 11 straight overall since losing to Baylor on Dec. 2.

Drew Timme led Gonzaga with 17 points.

**No. 3 Purdue 61, Minnesota 39:** Braden Smith had 19 points, seven rebounds and seven assists to help Purdue overwhelm Minnesota.

Zach Edey had 12 points, six rebounds and four blocks for the Big Ten-leading Boilermakers (18-1, 7-1). They won their fifth consecutive game after

taking their lone loss of the season to now-No. 23 Rutgers on Jan. 2.

Joshua Ola-Joseph led Minnesota (7-10, 1-6) with 13 points.

**No. 5 UCLA 75, Arizona State 62:** Tyger Campbell matched a season high with 22 points, David Singleton had a season-high 21 and UCLA extended its winning streak to 14 games, beating Arizona State.

Jamie Jaquez, bothered by foul trouble, scored five of his 12 points in the final 2½ minutes as the Bruins took control. UCLA closed on a 16-2 run after Frankie Collins' 3-pointer with 6:13 remaining gave Arizona State a 60-58 lead.

The Bruins (17-2, 8-0 Pac-12)

overcame a six-point deficit in the final 11 minutes and opened a two-game lead in the conference standings over Arizona State (15-4, 6-2), which had won four in a row.

**No. 11 Arizona 81, Southern California 66:** Courtney Ramey scored 16 points, Azuolas Tubelis had 15 points and 17 rebounds and Arizona used a revamped lineup to beat Southern California.

The Wildcats (16-3, 5-3 Pac-12) had a much better flow with Cedric Henderson Jr. starting and Pelle Larsson coming off the bench, racing to a 15-point halftime lead.

Drew Peterson led the Trojans (13-6, 5-3) with 15 points.



# Kraken take 4-3 win over Devils in OT

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Ryan Donato had two goals and an assist for Seattle, and Andre Burakovsky scored 1:10 into overtime to give the Kraken a 4-3 victory over the New Jersey Devils on Thursday night.

Donato powered Seattle to an early 2-0 lead, but New Jersey rallied. Erik Haula's short-handed breakaway goal at 6:04 of the third period tied it at 2.

Brandon Tanev put the Kraken in front again at 7:51, but New Jersey forced overtime with another late goal. Nico Hischier jabbed the rebound off Jack Hughes' shot past Seattle goalie Martin Jones with 1:14 left.

Burakovsky's 13th goal of the season snapped a two-game losing streak for Seattle. It was the Kraken's 27th win, matching the team's total from its inaugural season.

New Jersey had won five straight games overall and seven in a row on the road. It missed out on a chance to sweep a five-game trip, its longest of the season.

**Sabres 3, Islanders 2, OT:** Dylan Cozens scored 12 seconds into overtime, lifting the Sabres to the victory.

Alex Tuch and Victor Olofsson also scored for Buffalo, which had dropped five of six. Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen made 24 stops.

Cozens beat Islanders goalie Ilya Sorokin on a breakaway after Rasmus Dahlin's floating pass sprung him for his 15th goal of the season.

Brock Nelson and Matt Martin scored for New York, and Sorokin made 42 saves. The Islanders have lost seven of the past eight games.

**Hurricanes 5, Wild 2:** Brent Burns, Brady Skjei and Jalen Chatfield scored to give Carolina another productive offensive outing from its blueliners.

Burns and Skjei scored during Carolina's three-goal second period, while Chatfield added a

third goal from a defenseman for the Hurricanes.

Teuvo Teravainen and Martin Necas also scored for the Hurricanes, and Frederik Andersen made 30 saves.

Kirill Kaprizov and Matt Boldy scored for the Wild. Minnesota had won three straight games and earned at least a point in six straight road games.

**Bruins 3, Rangers 1:** Jeremy Swayman made 31 saves to help the Bruins to their eighth victory in nine games.

Pavel Zacha, Patrice Bergeron and Connor Clifton scored for NHL-leading Boston, which improved to 15-1-3 in its last 19 games. Brad Marchand and David Krejci each had two assists.

Swayman was working on a shutout before New York defenseman Ben Harpur scored with 4:23 left. The goaltender improved to 6-0-2 in his last eight starts.

The Bruins moved to 36-5-4 overall while the Rangers lost their second straight at home.

**Stars 4, Kings 0:** Tyler Seguin scored twice in the first period, and Dallas goalie Scott Wedgewood made 34 saves for his first shutout this season.

Southern California native Jason Robertson had a goal and an assist for the Stars, who bounced back after blowing a three-goal lead Wednesday night in a loss at San Jose.

Esa Lindell also scored for the Dallas, which moved into the Central Division lead with a Western Conference-best 61 points.

**Capitals 4, Coyotes 0:** Darcy Kuemper stopped 27 shots for Washington, and Dylan Strome scored twice.

Sonny Milano and Tom Wilson each had a goal for the Capitals, who have won nine of their last 10 road games.

Arizona has dropped 10 of 11 overall. The Coyotes halted a nine-game losing streak by beating Detroit on Tuesday.

Kuemper, who played for the

Coyotes from 2017-21, improved to 6-1-3 against his former team.

**Blackhawks 4, Flyers 1:** Jonathan Toews had a goal and an assist, and the Blackhawks won for the first time in the regular season in Philadelphia in more than 26 years.

Before Thursday, Chicago hadn't won a regular-season game in Philadelphia since Nov. 9, 1996. The drought comes with a huge asterisk, though — the Blackhawks clinched the 2010 Stanley Cup championship in Game 6 in Philadelphia.

Reese Johnson and Tyler Johnson also scored, and Philipp Kurashev had an empty-netter for Chicago. Petr Mrazek made 37 saves.

Morgan Frost scored for Philadelphia.

**Oilers 5, Lightning 3:** Zach Hyman scored twice and Edmonton earned its fifth consecutive victory.

Connor McDavid and Leon Draisaitl each had a goal and an assist for the Oilers (26-18-3), who have won their last two at home after losing six of the previous seven at Rogers Place. Ryan McLeod also scored, and Jack Campbell made 28 saves in his fifth consecutive start.

Brandon Hagel, Steven Stamkos and Brayden Point scored for the Lightning (29-14-1), who had won five in a row. Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 29 shots.

**Red Wings 3, Golden Knights 2:** Ville Husso made 33 saves and Detroit snapped a three-game losing streak.

Lucas Raymond, Dominik Kubalik and Joe Veleno scored for the Red Wings, who had lost six of eight. That included blowing a two-goal lead in the third period of a 4-3 shootout loss Tuesday at Arizona.

Alex Pietrangelo and William Karlsson scored for the Golden Knights. Adin Hill stopped 22 shots.

**Blues 5, Predators 2:** Robert Thomas and Brendan Saad each had a goal and an assist, sending

St. Louis to the victory.

Jordan Binnington made 24 saves and tied Grant Fuhr for fourth place in Blues history with 108 career wins.

Brayden Schenn, Jordan Kyrou and Alexey Toropchenko also scored for St. Louis.

Colton Sissons, playing in his 500th NHL game, and Mattias Ekholm scored for Nashville.

**Ducks 5, Blue Jackets 3:** Cam Fowler, Trevor Zegras and Adam Henrique each had a goal and an assist, and Anaheim stopped a five-game losing streak.

Simon Benoit and Max Jones also scored for Anaheim, which trailed 3-0 after one period. Isac Lundestrom and Troy Terry each had two assists.

Anthony Stolarz stopped 12 shots before being replaced by John Gibson, who stopped all 18 shots he faced.

Mathieu Olivier, Jack Roslovic and Nick Blankenburg scored for Columbus and Elvis Merzlikins stopped 28 shots. The Blue Jackets have lost three straight and seven of their last eight, including three in a row at home.

**Panthers 6, Canadiens 2:** Matthew Tkachuk scored twice during Florida's five-goal second period.

Sam Reinhart had a goal and two assists. Sam Bennett, Givani Smith and Ryan Lomberg also scored for the Panthers.

Sergei Bobrovsky exited with a lower-body injury just 2:01 into the game. Alex Lyon made 23 saves in relief for Florida.

Rem Pitlick and Josh Anderson scored for Montreal.

**Maple Leafs 4, Jets 1:** Maple Leafs star Auston Matthews scored twice early in the second period, and Ilya Samosonov made 37 saves.

Mitch Marner and Mark Giordano also scored for Toronto. Michael Bunting added two assists.

Kyle Connor scored for Winnipeg, and Connor Hellebuyck stopped 23 shots.

# Pegula dominating so far Down Under

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MELBOURNE, Australia — As well as Jessica Pegula is playing tennis at the moment, dropping zero sets and just 11 games total along the way to Week 2 at the Australian Open, you might think she'd be completely pleased with how things are going.

Ah, but the No. 3-seeded Pegula is a self-described perfectionist. And so she gave herself a bit of a hard time about what happened late in the second set of her 6-0, 6-2 victory over Marta Kostyuk in the second round on Friday.

"I was annoyed," Pegula said after the 65-minute contest.

By what, exactly? Well, the 28-year-old from New York was cruising along, having won 10 of the first 11 games and serving with a 30-love lead, when she stumbled ever so slightly, ever so briefly. She missed three first serves in a row. She put a backhand into the net. She got lobbed. She double-faulted. She started muttering under her breath. She sent a backhand long to end an 11-stroke exchange. Add it up, and Pegula got broken there, her lead in the second set shrinking to 4-2. For three minutes, her play was less than ideal.

Oh, the horror.

"When I was younger, it came off as kind of a bad attitude. I'd get really negative or down on myself," Pegula said, adding that she has worked on "not being so hard on myself during the matches."

She reached the quarterfinals each of the

past two years at Melbourne Park — she has yet to make it past that stage at a Grand Slam tournament — and to get back there, Pegula will need to defeat 2021 French Open champion Barbora Krejčíková next.

The other matchups on the top half of the women's draw also all include at least one past major title winner: No. 1 Iga Świątek vs. No. 9 Elena Rybakina, No. 7 Coco Gauff vs. No. 17 Jelena Ostapenko, and No. 24 Victoria Azarenka vs. either No. 6 Maria Sakkari or Zhu Lin, who were scheduled to face each other Friday night.

Pegula is hardly the only woman who has been rather dominant so far.

Krejčíková, a 6-2, 6-3 winner over Anhelina Kalinina, also hasn't ceded a set and has allowed her foes to gather a combined 14 games.

Świątek, a three-time major champion who beat qualifier Cristina Bucsa 6-0, 6-1, has won every set and lost only 15 games. Rybakina, the reigning Wimbledon champ, got past 2022 Australian Open runner-up Danielle Collins 6-2, 5-7, 6-2.

"I feel I'm more and more confident since Day 1 here. I'm not even talking about matches, but also practices," Świątek said. "I feel like I've done so much work to feel more confident, more relaxed on court."

Gauff, an 18-year-old from Florida, advanced to a meeting against 2017 French Open winner Ostapenko by defeating Bernarda Pera 6-3, 6-2. Gauff's opponents have collected all of 19 games through three matches.

She's also playing doubles with her pal Pegula in Melbourne — and keeping tabs on someone she could meet in the singles semi-finals.

"I do watch her (matches), as a friend, I would say," said Gauff, who lost to Świątek in the final at Roland Garros last June. "She's been playing well. She's always playing well. I feel like she's just one of those players on tour that is just consistent and plays well. I think she's always a contender in a Slam. That's just my personal opinion."

A high-level showdown for the fourth round was set up in the men's bracket: No. 3 Stefanos Tsitsipas vs. No. 15 Jannik Sinner. Tsitsipas, a 24-year-old from Greece who lost to Novak Djokovic in the 2021 French Open final, was one point from giving away the second set but held on there and beat Tallon Griekspoor 6-2, 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Another Sunday matchup that was set: No. 6 Felix Auger-Aliassime vs. Jiri Lehecka.

No. 31 Yoshihito Nishioka was a 7-6 (6), 6-3, 6-2 winner over Mackenzie McDonald, who eliminated 22-time Grand Slam champion Rafael Nadal in the previous round.

Late matches Friday included No. 16 Frances Tiafoe against No. 18 Karen Khachanov, No. 7 Daniil Medvedev against No. 29 Sebastian Korda, and No. 10 Hubert Hurkacz against No. 20 Denis Shapovalov.

Sinner, a 21-year-old from Italy, erased a two-set deficit for the first time in his career and grabbed the final 12 games in a 4-6, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-0 victory over Marton Fucsovics.

## Source: Michigan's Harbaugh not agreeing to charge

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Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh told NCAA investigators in multiple meetings this week that he will not agree to an unethical conduct charge, according to a person familiar with the situation.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on Thursday night on condition of anonymity because details of the investigation have not been shared publicly.

Michigan announced two weeks ago that it received a notice of allegations from the NCAA that the governing body is looking into potential rules infractions within the football program.

The investigation involves impermissible texts and calls — including some by Harbaugh — to high school prospects during part of a pandemic-related dead period for

contact with potential recruits. The NCAA also is looking at whether a member of Michigan's off-field football staff violated rules by doing on-the-field coaching during practice.

Harbaugh is accused of not being forthcoming about the potential violations, and the NCAA considers that unethical conduct and a Level I infraction. A text message was sent to Harbaugh on Thursday night, seeking comment.

While the football program is dealing with an NCAA investigation, co-offensive coordinator Matt Weiss is on leave amid an investigation by university police into a report of computer access crimes over a three-day span last month at the team's training facility.

Weiss is accused of accessing email accounts at the school without proper authori-

zation, according to another person familiar with the situation. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the police investigation is ongoing.

Weiss said in a statement to ESPN that he is fully cooperating with investigators and looks forward to the matter being resolved. Weiss has not responded to messages from The Associated Press.

The Wolverines seemed to kick off their week with good news on Monday when University of Michigan President Santa Ono shared on social media that Harbaugh told him he was staying at the school, ending another round of speculation that he would go back to coaching in the NFL.

Since then, Weiss was placed on leave and reports detailing Harbaugh's stance during the NCAA inquiry have emerged.