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Ethiopian runner sets record

Ababel Yeshaneh set a world record in the women's half marathon on Friday in the latest break-through by athletes wearing high-tech Nike shoes.

The Ethiopian runner won the Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon in 1 hour 4 minutes 31 seconds, knocking 20 seconds off the record set by Joyciline Jepkosgei in Valencia in 2017.

Brigid Kosgei, the marathon world record holder, also broke Jepkosgei's time while finishing second behind Yeshaneh.

Since 2018, the men's and women's records in both the marathon and half marathon have all been broken by athletes in Nike shoes. The Vaporfly range uses thick foam soles and a carbon plate to allow athletes to use their energy more efficiently.

The shoes have prompted concerns that athletes sponsored by other companies have no chance of competing in key races, such as the upcoming Olympics.

WEC Energy Group to buy 80% stake in Illinois wind farm

WEC Energy Group, the parent company of We Energies, is buying an 80% stake in a wind farm in McLean County, Illinois, for \$345 million.

The wind farm, known as the Blooming Grove Wind Farm, is being developed by Invenergy, a company based in Chicago that develops wind, solar and other power projects. WEC Energy has invested in several wind farms developed by Invenergy.

With the agreement announced Monday, WEC Energy will have invested more than \$1.2 billion in wind farms in the Midwest. The power from the wind farms is sold to other utilities or companies, and the projects are separate from the investments made by WEC Energy's regulated utilities, such as We Energies, in wind power.

The project, which will consist of 94 wind turbines from General Electric, is expected to be completed this year and will have a capacity of 250 megawatts, WEC said in a news release.

Affiliates of two undisclosed multinational companies have contracted to take all of the wind farm's output.

The investment is expected to be eligible for 100% bonus depreciation and the tax credits available for wind projects, WEC Energy said.

"This is the latest in a series of investments that fit exceptionally well with our strategy of deploying capital in renewable energy assets that will serve strong, vibrant companies for years to come, Gale Klappa, executive chairman of WEC Energy Group, said in a statement.

Spanish rapper locks himself in university to avoid jail in free speech case

LLEIDA, Spain – A Spanish rapper sentenced to jail time on charges including insulting the monarchy and praising terrorist groups barricaded himself inside a university in northeastern Spain on Thursday with a group of supporters.

Pablo Hasel had until Tuesday to surrender and serve his nine-month sentence, which has caused an uproar across Spain and led the government to announce it would ease restrictions on free speech, even if not in his particular case.

“We are trying to raise awareness of what is happening ... This is a very serious attack on our freedoms, not just on me,” Hasel, who is known for his radical leftist views, told Reuters.

Hasel’s lyrics and tweets, which included references to banned guerrilla groups, compared a court to Nazis and called former king Juan Carlos a mafia boss, were found by a court to have encouraged violence and insulted the monarchy.

He and around 20 supporters used a chain with a padlock to shut the main entrance to one of the buildings of Lleida university in the region of Catalonia where they took refuge. Police have yet to show up.

“We don’t know if they are coming in half an hour or a few days,” he said, adding that he faced two years behind bars because he was not planning to pay the fine that was part of his sentence.

In a sign of support, local artist Cinta Vidal has painted graffiti in a town near Barcelona depicting a singing Hasel being painted over by former king Juan Carlos with a roll brush.

“It is not acceptable that an artist should go to prison for expressing his ideas,” said Vidal, 38.

Milwaukee man charged with choking Oshkosh police officer

OSHKOSH – A 29-year-old Milwaukee man faces multiple charges after prosecutors say he choked a police officer who tried to arrest him earlier this week.

Cornelius Pearson was charged Thursday in Winnebago County Circuit Court with resisting an officer, causing injury; obstructing an officer; and marijuana possession. Court Commissioner Bryan Keberlein set a \$5,000 cash bond.

Police responded to a report of a man trying to enter an apartment about 1:20 a.m. Tuesday in the 1800 block of Robin Avenue, according to Oshkosh police. When police arrived, Pearson fought with multiple officers and choked a 30-year-old officer, injuring the officer’s neck, police said. The officer was taken to a hospital with injuries that weren’t life-threatening.

If convicted, Pearson could face more than 10 years in prison. His next court hearing is scheduled for March 13.

Wisconsin trooper contract would boost starting salaries

Starting salaries for Wisconsin state troopers would increase by nearly \$6,000 a year under their first new contract in five years.

A Republican-controlled committee of legislative leaders voted unanimously Friday to accept the new contract. It now heads to the Legislature for final votes to ratify.

The troopers' last approved contract ended in 2016. The new deal, covering 370 state troopers, is retroactive to the two-year period that ended in July 2020. Troopers will get a lump sum payment.

Fury reclaims boxing title

Tyson Fury is a heavyweight champion once again, dominating Deontay Wilder in their title rematch Friday night before Wilder's corner threw in the towel in the seventh round in Las Vegas.

Fury, turning from boxer to puncher in the rematch, went on the attack and knocked Wilder down twice before a flurry of punches in the seventh prompted his corner to call an end to the highly anticipated rematch.

"The king has returned to his throne," proclaimed Wilder, whose previous reign as champion was cut short by drugs and alcohol.

Fury dropped Wilder in the third round with a right hand that seemed to take the legs out of the champion. He put him down again in the fifth round, this time with a left hand to the body.

The end came at 1:39 of the seventh round when referee Kenny Bayless stopped the fight after Wilder's corner threw in the towel as he was getting pummeled in a neutral corner.

Blood was pouring out of Wilder's ear for several rounds and, in a bizarre scene, Fury appeared to lick drops of it from Wilder's shoulder in the sixth round. It was the first loss for Wilder in 44 fights.

Utility worker struck, injured

A utility worker was severely injured late Friday after being struck by a suspected drunken driver downtown.

Around 10:49 p.m, a 35-year-old man was working in the road at the intersection of West State and North 6th streets when a vehicle struck him, pinning him against another car, according to a news release.

The worker suffered serious injuries to his legs and was taken to a hospital for surgery, the release said. The driver, a 39-year-old Milwaukee man, stayed on the scene and was arrested under suspicion of OWI and operating a vehicle after revocation.

The driver also suffered minor injuries, the release said.

Seven people, including 4 children, injured in Milwaukee crash

At least seven people, including four children, were injured Friday in a crash involving at least two vehicles in the 4400 block of North Hopkins Street in Milwaukee, officials said.

The four children were transported to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, said Deputy Chief Mike Blackwood of the Milwaukee Fire Department. Blackwood said the extent of their injuries wasn't known.

Emergency radio traffic indicated four of the people who were injured were transported via advanced life support ambulances, an indication that they were seriously hurt.

At least three patients were transported to the trauma center at Froedtert Hospital in Wauwatosa.

Two of those who were injured had to be freed from the wreckage by firefighters. An ambulance crew reported "prolonged extrication" for one of the people trapped in the wreckage.

Emergency crews were dispatched to the crash at 10:39 a.m.

Engine 36, located at a firehouse only about a mile from the crash, arrived quickly at the scene and immediately called for more firefighters and equipment to help free the people trapped in the wreckage, according to emergency radio traffic.

Crews also called for more ambulances to respond to the scene.

Iran to execute man convicted of spying for CIA

TEHRAN – Iran said Friday that its top court confirmed a death sentence for an Iranian man convicted of spying for the CIA, with state media alleging that he had shared details of the Islamic Republic's nuclear program with the American spy agency.

Judiciary spokesman Gholamhossein Esmaili identified the purported spy as Amir Rahimpour and said he would be executed soon. Esmaili did not elaborate on what Rahimpour was accused of doing and did not discuss his age or background.

A report by the state-run IRNA news agency alleged that Rahimpour received money from the CIA to share details of Iran's nuclear program.

The CIA did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Teachers union suing district over asbestos in schools

PHILADELPHIA – The union representing public school teachers in Philadelphia is suing the district over its handling of asbestos contamination in schools, the union said Friday. The Philadelphia Federation of Teachers suit came after the city school district was forced to close a north Philadelphia elementary school for a second time Wednesday after tests demanded by teachers and union leaders showed elevated levels of asbestos, a known carcinogen, in the air. The Philadelphia Inquirer reported that district leaders had assured teachers a day earlier that McClure Elementary School was safe to enter.

Dead Sea Scrolls at DC museum fake

The Museum of the Bible admitted Friday that 16 fragments displayed as pieces of the Dead Sea Scrolls, the oldest known surviving copies of the original Hebrew Bible were fakes.

The fragments have been on exhibit at the Washington museum since its opening in 2017.

"After an exhaustive review of all the imaging and scientific analysis results, it is evident that none of the textual fragments in Museum of the Bible's Dead Sea Scroll collection are authentic," Colette Loll, founder and director of Art Fraud Insights, said in a statement released by the museum on Friday. "Moreover, each exhibits characteristics that suggest they are deliberate forgeries created in the 20th century with the intent to mimic authentic Dead Sea Scroll fragments."

The recent findings have no bearing on the nearly 100,000 Dead Sea Scroll fragments on display in the Israel Museum, Jerusalem, National Geographic reported.

The discovery is one in a series of missteps by the museum's founders and owners of the Hobby Lobby chain of craft stores, Steve and Jackie Green.

Army Corps studying weather network to help control flooding

BILLINGS, Mont. – The Army Corps of Engineers is studying the possible construction of an \$11.1 million network of weather stations to improve flood control across the Upper Missouri River Basin, officials said. Stations are being upgraded for proof of concept in Bozeman at Montana State University and in Sheridan, Wyoming, and Brookings, South Dakota, The Billings Gazette reported. After the systems and equipment demonstrate their capability, Corps officials propose installing 360 similar stations at a cost of more than \$31,000 each. There are about 180 existing sites collecting weather data for the Upper Missouri River Basin, officials said.

Panthers hold off Penguins

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio – DeAndre Abram delivered Thursday night.

The 6-foot-8 senior guard's three-point play with 14.7 seconds left in overtime helped UW-Milwaukee outlast Youngstown State, 75-73, at the Beeghly Center.

Abram's big play gave the Panthers a 74-71 lead. Youngstown State was not done, however.

Donel Cathcart III drained a pair of free throw with eight seconds left to cut it to 74-73.

On UWM's ensuing possession, Darius Roy was fouled with three seconds remaining. Roy hit one of two charity tosses to make it 75-73.

Youngstown State's Michael Akuchie missed a three pointer at the buzzer and the Panthers breathed a sigh of relief.

Abram led the Panthers with 19 points and 13 rebounds. Josh Thomas added 15 points.

BANKING: Former Wells Fargo CEO fined \$17.5 million

Federal regulators have slapped former Wells Fargo Chief Executive John Stumpf with a \$17.5 million fine for his role in the bank's sales practices scandal. The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency also announced Thursday it was suing five other former Wells Fargo executives for a combined total of \$37.5 million for their individual roles in the bank's poor practices. Two other executives also settled with the OCC, paying million-dollar fines as well. This is the first time regulators have punished individual executives for Wells Fargo's wrongdoing.

Damage reported after 5.0 quake strikes near Puerto Rico

SANTA ISABEL, Puerto Rico – A magnitude 5.0 aftershock rattled southern Puerto Rico on Friday, causing some cracks but no reported injuries in a region that has been shaken by continuing quakes for more than a month.

Officials in the southwest coastal town of Guayanilla reported a cracked wall and arch near a municipal pool that had already been closed to the public. The incident also prompted reinspections of homes, schools and other buildings.

The 10:45 a.m. quake struck 9 miles south-southeast of Guanica at a shallow depth of 4 miles, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. It was felt across the island.

Victor Huérfano, director of Puerto Rico's Seismic Network, told The Associated Press that the quake is part of a string of tremors that have followed a 6.4 earthquake that hit Feb. 17.

ATF: Electrical spark likely caused deadly Houston blast

HOUSTON – An electrical spark likely ignited a gas leak that led to an explosion in Houston that killed two workers, injured 20 others and damaged hundreds of buildings, law enforcement officials said Friday.

Highly flammable propylene gas started leaking from piping connected to a tank in a warehouse at Watson Grinding and Manufacturing within about 24 hours of the blast, said Fred Milanowski, the local special agent in charge for the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Sensors could have detected a leak, Milanowski said, but it's unclear whether sensors were in place or operating correctly.

UBS Bank won't fund new offshore Arctic oil, gas projects

KENAI, Alaska – A multinational investment bank ended support for offshore drilling in the Arctic amid efforts to tackle climate change, a move that could affect future funding for oil and gas projects in Alaska, a newspaper said.

Switzerland-based UBS Bank joined several other investment companies in pulling funding and support for new offshore projects in the region, the Anchorage Daily News reported Friday.

The firm has "committed to no longer provide financing where the stated use of proceeds is for new offshore oil projects in the Arctic," the bank said in a statement.

Multiple U.S. banks, including Wells Fargo & Company, Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan Chase, also announced similar policy shifts, stating they were no longer supporting new projects in the region.

GOLF

Yealimi Noh closed with a double bogey Friday in the Volunteers of America Classic, dropping the 19-year-old American into a tie with major champions Inbee Park and So Yeon Ryu with a round left.

Two strokes ahead after a birdie on the par-5 17th, Noh took two shots to get out of the right fairway bunker on the par-4 18th and missed a 3-foot bogey putt. She settled for an even-par 71 and a share of the lead with the South Korean stars at 4-under 209 at Old American Golf Club in The Colony, Texas.

'Walking' shark species discovered near Australia

Four new species of sharks that use their fins to walk have been discovered in waters off northern Australia and New Guinea, according to new study.

"At less than a meter long on average, walking sharks present no threat to people but their ability to withstand low oxygen environments and walk on their fins gives them a remarkable edge over their prey of small crustaceans and mollusks," study lead author Christine Dudgeon, a scientist at Australia's University of Queensland, said in a statement.

The four new species almost double the total number of known walking shark species to nine.

"Instead of swimming around, these little bottom-dwelling sharks actually 'walk' using their pectoral and pelvic fins, which makes it easier for them to poke their heads under coral and rocks as they look for small fish, snails and crustaceans to eat," said study co-author Mark Erdmann of Conservation International.

Walking sharks evolved 9 million years ago, making them the "youngest" sharks on our planet, according to Erdmann.

"The discovery proves that modern sharks have remarkable evolutionary staying power and the ability to adapt to environmental changes," Erdmann told CNN.

6 killed in two Alpine avalanches in Austria

BERLIN – Six people were killed in two separate avalanches in the Austrian Alps on Sunday, Austrian authorities said.

Five snowshoers who were hiking in central Austria were hit by one avalanche at about 9:30 a.m., Austria's APA news agency reported.

Several people witnessed the avalanche and immediately informed emergency services, but the hikers, believed to be from the Czech Republic, were dead when reached by rescuers.

There had been high winds and heavy snowfall in the area over the past few days, leading to the avalanche.

CYCLING

Australian Olympic BMX cycling hopeful Kai Sakakibara is in a medically-induced coma in Canberra Hospital after sustaining serious head injuries in a weekend racing accident.

The 23-year-old rider underwent surgery on Saturday morning to relieve pressure on his brain following the Friday crash.

Described as being in a critical but stable condition, Sakakibara is expected to remain in a coma for the next two weeks.

Sakakibara, ranked among the world's top 10 riders in recent years, was aiming to make his Olympic debut in Japan, where he spent part of his childhood after being born on the Gold Coast in Australia.

Congo's Tshisekedi appoints new PM, further sidelining Kabila

KINSHASA, Democratic Republic of Congo – Congo President Felix Tshisekedi on Thursday appointed the head of the state mining company Sama Lukonde Kyenge as the new prime minister, capping a series of victories for Tshisekedi over his once-dominant predecessor Joseph Kabila.

Sylvestre Ilunga Ilunkamba, a close confidant of Kabila, resigned from the post on Jan. 28 following a vote of no confidence in the Democratic Republic of Congo's parliament.

The appointment of Lukonde, director general of Gecamines and an ally of the president, should help Tshisekedi install a more loyal cabinet to push through his agenda.

In recent months, Tshisekedi has chipped away at the influence of Kabila, with whom he formed an awkward power-sharing deal following a disputed 2018 election.

The alliance, which forced Tshisekedi to bargain with his predecessor over any policy shift, added to challenges facing his government, such as corruption, two Ebola epidemics and spiralling violence in the mineral-rich east.

Son of a leading political figure in Congo's south-east mining heartland, Lukonde trained as an engineer and spent many years in Congo's mining industry before joining parliament in 2006.

UN chief warns 'a wind of madness is sweeping the globe'

UNITED NATIONS – U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned Friday that "a wind of madness is sweeping the globe," pointing to escalating conflicts from Libya and Yemen to Syria and beyond.

At a wide-ranging news conference, he said, "All situations are different but there is a feeling of growing instability and hair-trigger tensions, which makes everything far more unpredictable and uncontrollable, with a heightened risk of miscalculation."

The U.N. chief also expressed great frustration that legally binding U.N. Security Council resolutions "are being disrespected before the ink is even dry."

SOCCER

A day after walking off the field in protest, players from Paris Saint-Germain and Istanbul Basaksehir returned to the Parc des Princes and knelt together with match officials in a display of unity against racism.

When their Champions League game resumed, PSG easily secured top spot in its group by routing Basaksehir, 5-1. On Thursday, the players walked off the field in protest after fourth official Sebastian Coltescu of Romania allegedly used a racial term when identifying Pierre Webo, a Black assistant coach with Basaksehir.



Sat 27 | Day

39°



19%

W 15 mph

Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High 39F. Winds W at 10 to 20 mph.

Sat 27 | Night

26°



18%

WNW 11 mph

Partly cloudy skies. Low 26F. Winds WNW at 10 to 15 mph.

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24°	22°	20°	21°

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