

## Guam typhoon shows threat to US Pacific plans

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As Typhoon Mawar neared the coast of Guam early Wednesday, it also drew attention to an uncomfortable fact of U.S. military strategy: Many of America's most strategic assets are in places increasingly threatened by extreme weather events, rising seas and other consequences of climate change.

The Navy moved ships out to sea before the storm hit, standard procedure when bases prepare for hurricanes. The storm generated winds of 175 miles per hour — the National Weather Service's offices were "vibrating," an official said — and waves of at least 60 feet. It caused significant flooding in Guam, endangering residents and putting new demands on the military.

It isn't the first time and it's unlikely to be the last. In 2019, a Department of Defense report on climate impacts noted that repeated flooding at Naval Base Guam was already limiting operations and activities for the Navy Expeditionary Forces Command Pacific, the island's Andersen Air Force Base, submarine squadrons, telecommunications, "and a number of other specific tasks supporting mis-

sion execution."

Considered one of the most critical U.S. military installations in the western Pacific, Guam has for 125 years extended U.S. sovereignty 8,000 miles from Washington. The island is about 2,100 miles from the North Korean capital of Pyongyang. It is closer still to Taiwan, which President Joe Biden has committed to defend if attacked.

"By virtue of having an American territory in Guam," said Bruce Jones, director of the Project on International Order and Strategy at the Brookings Institution, "it gives the United States the ability to operate on home soil, two-thirds across the reaches of the Pacific."

In short, Guam has for decades helped protect the international order and remains "an essential operating base for U.S. efforts to maintain a free and open Indo-Pacific region," the Pentagon wrote in its 2022 quadrennial National Defense Strategy. In January, the Marine Corps opened its first new base in 70 years on the island, part of an agreement to reduce the U.S. military presence in Okinawa, Japan.

It's hard to mobilize a military response if, for example, "your most important rear logistics

base is under three feet of water," Jones said. "These kind of events, if they're not adequately defended against and quickly recovered from, really, really throw a spanner in the works in terms of our ability to respond to crisis scenarios in Asia."

Those recoveries are expensive. Bases along the U.S. Gulf and East Coasts have seen mammoth storms cause massive damage, including North Carolina's Camp Lejeune, which suffered \$3.6 billion in damage by Hurricane Florence in September 2018 and Florida's Tyndall Air Force Base, which category 5 Hurricane Michael wrecked a month later and may cost \$5 billion to rebuild.

"The challenge with planning on climate risk is you can't use the past as well to predict the future," said Sherri Goodman, a senior fellow at both the Wilson Center and the Center for Climate and Security, who in 2007 coined the now common description of climate change as a military "threat multiplier." Storms are going to get stronger, with higher winds and more rain and flooding, she said, but that's not necessarily precise enough to inform military budgets in a practical way.

The Pentagon is encouraging

its military planners to think more seriously about these risks. Last year, the department's Wargame Incentive Fund budgeted \$3 million to fund five war games focused on climate-related crises in South and Central Asia, designed to help the Indo-Pacific Command, which includes Guam, identify and adjust potential weaknesses. Last month, the military opened its DOD Climate Assessment Tool, called DCAT, with allies in Europe and Asia. The program combines climate models, historical data and flood models to simulate potential changes at 2,300 DOD sites globally.

The Navy, like the other Armed Forces, has in recent years issued global planning guidance on how to build, train and fight under changing conditions. Those efforts are accelerating with climate impacts. Days after taking office, Biden signed an executive order that built climate change formally into national-security strategy.

"They knew this kind of stuff was coming," Jones said. "They've been working at hardening their facilities to deal with exactly these kinds of scenarios. And in the aftermath, we'll see whether they did or not."

## Thousands evacuated in Philippines ahead of Typhoon Mawar

*Associated Press*

MANILA, Philippines — Philippine officials began evacuating thousands of villagers, shut down schools and offices and imposed a no-sail ban Monday as Typhoon Mawar approached the country's northern provinces a week after battering the U.S. territory of Guam.

The typhoon is packing maximum sustained winds of 96 mph and gusts of up to 118 mph, but is forecast to spare the mountain-

ous region a direct hit. Current projections show the typhoon veering northeast toward Taiwan or southern Japan.

Although it's expected to slow down considerably, authorities warned of dangerous tidal surges, flash floods and landslides as it blows past the northernmost province of Batanes from Tuesday to Wednesday. Disaster-preparedness officials said the typhoon's course could change abruptly and there was no room for complacency.

"Even if the sun is up, the weather is so unpredictable nowadays and could change anytime so we should always stay on the side of safety," Assistant Secretary Raffy Alejandro of the Office of Civil Defense told The Associated Press. "We're talking here of potential threats to lives."

More than 4,800 people have been evacuated to emergency shelters in Cagayan, Batanes and other provinces, Alejandro said.

# Nighttime Russian air raid terrorized citizens in Kyiv

Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — The attacks come at night, when most in Kyiv are sound asleep. The sirens wail across the Ukrainian capital, rousing bleary-eyed residents, who, after 15 months of war, have customized individual routines to cope with Russia's latest air campaign.

In the recent escalation of Russian attacks, Olha Bukhno, 65, a cleaner, says a prayer every night. "Please," she asks, closing her eyes and addressing the heavens, "Let it be quiet."

By her bedside is a bag packed full of essentials: documents, dry foods and water. At the sound of the alarm, she dashes downstairs to her building's basement and takes shelter. Nearly two weeks ago, debris from a shot-down missile landed on the roof of a building next to hers in Kyiv's Darnytsia district, causing a large fire.

"Every night, we are afraid," she said, tearing up.

When the alarm blares, some in the city are consumed by fear, imagining the worst-case scenarios that could unfold: displacement, being trapped under rubble, being killed. Others embrace apathy, lying awake in bed, as the sounds of explosions ricochet across the skies.

But in the past month, when Russian air attacks escalated to near-nightly raids, most people are complaining of sleeplessness. In the war-defying bustle of Kyiv's cafes, restaurants and salons, business goes on despite the ongoing war, but everyone has a story about how tired they feel.

"What is there to say? Everyone is exhausted," said Oleksandr Chubienko, a pharmacist in Darnytsia, describing the recent temper of his customers.

Russia launched another wave of attacks on Kyiv in the early hours of Monday using a combination of drones and cruise missiles. More than 40 air targets were brought down in what was the 15th nighttime attack on the capital in May, head of the Kyiv Military Administration Serhii Popko said in a Telegram update. Falling debris broke through the roof of a residential building in the Podlisk district but there were no immediate reports of casualties.

"One more difficult night for the capital," said Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko.

On Saturday night, local officials in Kyiv said Ukraine's capital was subjected to the largest drone attack since the start of Russia's war. At least one person was killed. It came on the eve of Kyiv Day, which marks the anniversary of the city's founding.

# N. Korea notifies Japan it plans to launch satellite

Associated Press

TOKYO — North Korea on Monday notified neighboring Japan that it plans to launch a satellite in coming days, which may be an attempt to put Pyongyang's first military reconnaissance satellite into orbit.

Defense Minister Yasukazu Hamada said he ordered Japan's Self Defense Force to shoot down the satellite or debris, if any entered Japanese territory.

Japan's coast guard said the notice it received from North Korean waterway authorities said the launch window was from May 31 to June 11, and that the launch may affect waters in the Yellow Sea, East China Sea and east of the Philippines' Luzon Island.

The coast guard issued a safety warning for ships in the area on those dates because of the possible risks from falling debris. Japan's coast guard coordinates and distributes maritime safety information in East Asia, which is likely the reason it was the recipient of North Korea's notice.

To launch a satellite into space, North Korea would have to use long-range missile technology banned by U.N. Security Council resolutions. Its past launches of Earth observation satellites were seen as disguised missile tests.

Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno said the launch would violate U.N. resolutions and was a "threat to the peace and safety of Japan, the region and the international community."

Japan was already on standby for falling missile debris from North Korean launches earlier this year and has deployed missile defense systems such as land-to-air PAC-3 and ship-to-air SM-3 interceptors in southwestern Japan and in the East China Sea.

Matsuno said it was possible the satellite would enter or pass above Japan's southwestern islands including Okinawa, where the United States has major military bases and thousands of troops.

South Korea warned Monday that North Korea will face consequences if it goes ahead with its launch plan in violation of the U.N. Security Council resolutions that ban the North from conducting any launch using ballistic technology.

# Malaysia detains Chinese barge suspected of looting of wrecks

Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Malaysia's maritime agency said Monday it found a cannon shell believed to be from World War II on a Chinese-registered vessel and was investigating if the barge carrier was involved in the looting of two British warship wrecks in the South China Sea.

Malaysian media reported that illegal salvage operators were believed to have targeted the HMS Repulse and the HMS Prince of Wales, which were sunk in 1941 by Japanese torpedoes, days after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

A total of 842 sailors perished, and the shipwrecks off the coast of central Pahang

state are designated war graves. Fishermen and divers alerted authorities after spotting a foreign vessel near the area last month.

The agency said it detained the vessel registered in Fuzhou, China, on Sunday for anchoring without a permit off southern Johor state. It said there were 32 crew members aboard, including 21 Chinese, 10 from Bangladesh and a Malaysian.

The agency said officials from the National Heritage Department and others will work together to identify the cannon shell.

Britain's National Museum of the Royal Navy last week said it was "distressed and concerned at the apparent vandalism for personal profit."

# Texas passes bill that may stifle drag shows

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas would expand what is considered an illegal public performance of sexual conduct, under a bill approved late Sunday by state lawmakers that drag artists fear will be used to criminalize their shows.

The bill approved by the Republican-controlled Legislature is part of a broader effort in Texas and other conservative states to crack down on drag shows and limit LGBTQ+ rights. Texas earlier this month became the largest state to ban gender-affirming care for minors, and lawmakers also approved another measure that would restrict transgender athletes in college sports.

The Texas bill on sexual content in performances was initially meant to bar chil-

dren from attending drag shows. It was changed to remove specific references to drag shows, but it also broadened the scope of what would be illegal.

The bill would ban real or simulated groping, real or simulated arousal and display of a sex toy, if done in a “prurient” manner in front of a minor or on public property. And it includes a definition of sexual conduct that bars wearing accessories or prosthetics that enhance the female or male form in front of a minor or on public property.

Violators could face up to a year in jail, and businesses hosting performances deemed illegal could be fined \$10,000 for each violation.

Some drag performers and LGBTQ+ activists have called the new restrictions too

vague and worry they will be unevenly targeted. Supporters of the bill have said it’s needed to protect children from seeing sexually explicit content, although some critics worry the vague nature of the potential violations could ensnare suggestive performances at rock concerts, by professional sports cheerleading squads or even behavior in private homes.

The bill now goes to Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, who is expected to sign it into law.

In Florida, Gov. Ron DeSantis, who is seeking the Republican nomination for president in 2024, earlier this month signed into law new restrictions on drag shows that would allow the state to revoke the food and beverage licenses of businesses that admit children to adult performances.

# New York City outlaws weight, height discrimination

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York City Mayor Eric Adams signed legislation Friday that will ban discrimination based on body size by adding weight and height to the list of protected categories such as race, sex and religion.

“We all deserve the same access to employment, housing and public accommodation, regardless of our appearance, and it shouldn’t matter how tall you are or how much you weigh,” said the mayor, who joined other elected officials as well as fat-acceptance advocates at a City Hall bill-signing ceremony.

Adams, a Democrat who published a book about reversing his diabetes through a plant-based diet, said the ordinance “will help level the playing field for all New Yorkers, create

more inclusive workplaces and living environments, and protect against discrimination.”

Exemptions under the ordinance, which the city council passed this month, include cases in which an individual’s height or weight could prevent them from performing essential functions of a job.

Some business leaders expressed opposition to the legislation when it was before the council, arguing that compliance could become an onerous burden.

“The extent of the impact and cost of this legislation has not been fully considered,” Kathy Wyld, president and CEO of the Partnership for New York City, said in a statement.

Several other U.S. cities have banned dis-

crimination based on weight and physical appearance, including San Francisco; Washington, D.C.; and Madison, Wis. And legislation to ban weight and height discrimination has been introduced in states such as New Jersey and Massachusetts.

Tigress Osborn, the chair of the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance, said New York City’s weight discrimination ban should serve as a model for the nation and the world.

Osborn said the city’s adoption of the new ordinance “will ripple across the globe” and show that “discrimination against people based on their body size is wrong and is something that we can change.”

The ordinance will take effect in 180 days, on Nov. 22.

# Suspect arrested in 5 Arizona shootings that left 4 dead

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — A suspect has been arrested in connection with five separate shootings in the Phoenix metro area that left four people dead and a woman wounded, authorities said Sunday.

Mesa police said 20-year-old Iren Byers was taken into custody Sunday on suspicion of four counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted first-degree murder.

A motive for the shootings wasn’t immediately clear, but police said Byers took re-

sponsibility for the shootings and told officers where they could find the clothes and gun used in the crimes.

Police said video surveillance footage showed the suspect wearing the clothing reported by witnesses at multiple shooting scenes.

The names of the victims were being withheld Sunday until relatives could be notified. It was unclear Sunday if Byers has a lawyer yet who could speak on his behalf.

Police said officers were dispatched around 10:30 p.m. Friday to a Mesa park and

found a 41-year-old man dead at the scene.

While still at the park, police reported hearing shots being fired nearby and searched the area and later found a 36-year-old woman with serious injuries.

She remains in stable condition at a hospital.

Police said they received a call about a body near a Mesa bus station around 1 a.m. Sunday.

They said officers discovered a 41-year-old man dead at the scene and then another dead man just after 2 a.m.

# Debt agreement gets mixed responses

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The reviews are starting to come in as details emerge about the debt ceiling agreement reached by President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy.

Even before seeing those details, some lawmakers were criticizing the deal as not doing enough to tackle the nation's debt, while others worried it's too austere and will harm many low-income Americans.

The legislation will probably need support from a significant number of lawmakers from both parties to clear the closely divided House and gain the 60 votes necessary to advance in the Senate.

Some of the earliest objections are coming from the most conservative members of Congress, particularly members of the hardline House Freedom Caucus that often clashes with GOP leadership.

"I think it's a disaster!" tweeted Matt Rosendale, R-Mont.

"Fake conservatives agree to fake spending cuts," tweeted Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky.

"This 'deal' is insanity," tweeted Rep. Ralph Norman, R-S.C. "A \$4T debt ceiling increase with virtually no cuts is not what we agreed to. Not gonna vote to bankrupt our country. The American people deserve better."

GOP leaders knew all along that they would lose some members' support in any compromise with a Democratic-led White House and Senate. The question has always been whether the deal would pick up enough Democratic support to offset those defections.

As much as some Democrats dislike what is roughly a spending freeze on non-defense programs next year and chafe at work requirements being extended to more food stamp recipients, initial reaction has been circumspect as they await more details.

Rep. Annie Kuster, D-N.H., and chair of a center-left group known as the New Dems, which has roughly 100 members, said the group is "confident" that White House negotiators delivered a "viable, bipartisan solution to end this crisis."

Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., said he believed it was the best deal that could be reached given the demands coming from House Republicans.

"To my colleagues who have serious misgivings about this deal, I say this is far better than defaulting," Coons said.

The likeliest opposition will come from the more liberal members of the caucus. Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., has been voicing opposition to additional work requirements for some of those getting food

and cash assistance. She called it terrible policy Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union."

But she said she is also waiting for legislative text to determine the level of exemptions to the work requirements that Biden was able to win for veterans, homeless people and people coming out of foster care.

Asked if the Democrats at the White House and in the congressional leadership have to worry about whether the progressive caucus will support the bill, Jayapal said: "Yes, they have to worry."

With the nation roughly a week away from the risk of a default that could roil the global economy, major business groups have been urging Washington to act quickly on a debt-ceiling increase.

The Business Roundtable, a group of more than 200 chief executive officers, called on Congress to pass the bill as soon as possible.

"In addition to raising the debt ceiling, this agreement takes steps toward putting the U.S. on a more sustainable fiscal trajectory," said the group's CEO, Joshua Bolten. "This deal also makes a down payment on permitting reform, helping to clear the path for new energy infrastructure projects."

## Rising oceans threaten NYC as city is sinking

*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — If rising oceans aren't worry enough, add this to the risks New York City faces: The metropolis is slowly sinking under the weight of its skyscrapers, homes, asphalt and humanity itself.

New research estimates the city's landmass is sinking at an average rate of 1 to 2 millimeters per year, something referred to as "subsidence."

That natural process happens everywhere as ground is compressed, but the study published this month in the journal *Earth's Future* sought to estimate how the massive weight of the city itself is hurrying things

along.

More than 1 million buildings are spread across the city's five boroughs.

The research team calculated that all those structures add up to about 1.7 trillion tons of concrete, metal and glass — about the mass of 4,700 Empire State buildings — pressing down on the Earth.

The rate of compression varies throughout the city. Midtown Manhattan's skyscrapers are largely built on rock, which compresses very little, while some parts of Brooklyn, Queens and downtown Manhattan are on looser soil and sinking faster, the study revealed.

## Russia issues arrest warrant for Graham

*Associated Press*

MOSCOW — Russia's Interior Ministry on Monday issued an arrest warrant for U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham following his comments related to the fighting in Ukraine.

In an edited video of his meeting on Friday with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy that was released by Zelenskyy's office, Graham, a Republican from South Carolina, noted that "the Russians are dying" and described the U.S. military assistance to the country as "the best money we've ever spent."

While Graham appeared to have made the remarks in different parts of the conversation,

the short video by Ukraine's presidential office put them next to each other, causing outrage in Russia.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov commented Sunday by saying that "it's hard to imagine a greater shame for the country than having such senators."

The Investigative Committee, the country's top criminal investigation agency, has moved to open a criminal inquiry against Graham, and the Interior Ministry followed up by issuing a warrant for his arrest as indicated Monday by its official record of wanted criminal suspects.

## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

**Raccoon put down after store customers kiss it**

**ME** AUBURN — A raccoon in Maine was euthanized and tested for rabies after a woman brought it into a pet store for a nail trim and some customers kissed it, state wildlife authorities said.

The raccoon tested negative for the disease, and there is no rabies risk to the public, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife spokesperson Mark Latti said Sunday. Raccoons are one of the most common carriers of rabies in the state, however, and bringing the wild animal into a pet store constituted an unnecessary risk to public health, Latti said.

The woman, who has not been identified by authorities, brought the raccoon into an Auburn pet store on Tuesday, the wildlife department said. She was seeking to get the animal's nails trimmed, which is a service the store does not provide to raccoons, the department said.

Several different people handled the animal and some kissed it, the wildlife department said. The store's manager then asked the woman to leave and contacted the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the department said.

**AG sues makers of 'forever chemicals'**

**RI** PROVIDENCE — Rhode Island Attorney General Peter Neronha filed a lawsuit Thursday against the manufacturers of so-called "forever chemicals," commonly referred to as PFAS, saying they have caused significant harm to the state's residents and natural

resources.

Neronha faulted the companies for engaging in what he described as "a massive and widespread campaign to knowingly deceive the public," moving assets to avoid paying for damages, and manufacturing, marketing and selling hazardous chemicals for decades while knowing the risks.

The complaint, filed in Providence County Superior Court, alleges the companies violated state environmental and consumer protection laws.

**Electricity unlikely to run short during summer**

**CA** SACRAMENTO — California regulators said the state is unlikely to experience electricity shortages this summer after securing new power sources and a wet winter that filled the state's reservoirs enough to restart hydroelectric power plants that were dormant during the drought.

The nation's most populous state normally has more than enough electricity to power the homes and businesses of more than 39 million people. But the electrical grid has trouble during high temperatures when many residents turn on their air conditioners at the same time.

It got so hot in August 2020 that California's power grid was overwhelmed, prompting the state's three largest utility companies to shut off electricity for hundreds of thousands of homes for a few hours over two consecutive days. Similar heat waves in 2021 and 2022 pushed the state to the brink again. State officials avoided blackouts by encouraging people to conserve energy and tapping some emergency

gas-powered generators.

**Ex-doctor pleads guilty in \$1.9M Medicare scam**

**NH** CONCORD — A former New Hampshire doctor has pleaded guilty to authorizing orders for medically unnecessary knee, wrist and back braces that were used by companies to submit more than \$1.9 million in false Medicare claims.

Steven Powell, 53, of Alpharetta, Ga., pleaded guilty Wednesday to one count of health care fraud. He's scheduled to be sentenced Aug. 30.

Prosecutors said he agreed to electronically sign orders for the medical equipment for companies that submitted the fraudulent claims to Medicare. He received kickbacks for the orders, which were not legitimately prescribed.

Medicare paid the equipment providers more than \$761,000 in connection with the claims, according to Powell's plea agreement filed in federal court.

**Bear deaths in grazing region will be limited**

**WY** CHEYENNE — An appeals court is sending a plan to allow continued cattle grazing in a vast, mountainous area of western Wyoming back to federal forest and wildlife officials, telling them to consider limiting how many of the area's female grizzly bears may be killed for preying on livestock.

Thursday's ruling by the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver sides largely with environmental groups who sued the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

and U.S. Forest Service in 2020 over female grizzly deaths — a key factor in the species' survival in and around Yellowstone National Park.

Many consider the Yellowstone region's grizzlies a conservation success story. While they remain protected under the Endangered Species Act, their numbers have surged as much as tenfold, to as many as 1,000 animals, since the 1970s.

Population growth has meant more encounters with people and livestock, however, with the bears often on the losing end. Hunters sometimes mistake grizzlies for legal-to-hunt black bears or kill grizzlies in self-defense — and wildlife managers often kill grizzlies that prey on cattle and sheep.

**Governor vetoes higher pay for rideshare drivers**

**MN** ST. PAUL — Gov. Tim Walz on Thursday vetoed a bill that would have mandated higher pay and job security for Lyft and Uber drivers in Minnesota, saying the legislation wasn't ready to become law.

Uber threatened to offer only premium-priced service in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area and cut off service altogether in the rest of Minnesota if Walz signed the legislation.

Uber and Lyft drivers had staged noisy but peaceful demonstrations outside Walz's office in the Capitol in recent days to demand that the governor sign the bill. They were clearly audible through closed doors earlier Thursday as he signed a bill creating a paid family and medical leave system.

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# Newgarden wins first Indy 500 title

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis 500 is the one race Josef Newgarden desperately wanted to win.

It's basically the only race that matters to his boss.

Coming up empty for 11 consecutive years had become personal for the two-time IndyCar champion.

Newgarden finally broke through Sunday, though, winning the Indy 500 to extend team owner Roger Penske's record to 19 victories — and the first since he bought Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Newgarden did it with an audacious pass of defending race winner Marcus Ericsson during a frantic, controversial 2.5-mile sprint to the finish.

"We've had a tough go here the last three, four years, and we've had a lot of questions to answer every day, after every qualifying weekend. We've had to come out and put on a brave

face," Newgarden said. "It's just not an easy place to succeed at. I don't necessarily subscribe to the fact that if you don't win the 500, your career is a failure.

"But I think a lot of people view this race and this championship with that lens," Newgarden continued. "The 500 stands alone and if you are not able to capture one, the career really is a failure."

After the race was red-flagged for the third time in the final 16 laps, Newgarden was moved from fourth to second by race control following a review of the running order at the time the yellow flag waved.

He took advantage of his improved position to slingshot around Ericsson on the restart and hold him off from there.

Newgarden brought his Chevrolet-powered car to a stop on the front stretch, jumped out and found a hole in the fence, diving into part of the crowd estimated at more than 300,000 to cele-

brate. Then, Newgarden climbed the fence to mimic long-time Team Penske driver and four-time Indy 500 winner Helio Castroneves.

The 32-year-old from Nashville is the first American to win the Indy 500 since Alexander Rossi in 2016. He led five of the 200 laps and beat Ericsson in the fourth-closest finish in 107 years with a margin of victory of .0974 seconds.

"I'm just so thankful to be here. I started out as a fan in the crowd, and this place is amazing, regardless of where you're sitting," Newgarden said after pouring a bottle of whole milk over his head. "Everyone kept asking why I hadn't won this race, and they look at you like you're a failure if you haven't won it. I knew I was capable. I knew I could."

Ericsson finished second in a Honda for Chip Ganassi Racing, and he immediately criticized IndyCar's decision to hold a one-

lap shootout to the checkered flag. The Swede believed the race should have ended under caution, with him the winner, rather than having the green flag fly on the first lap out of the pits.

"I think it wasn't enough laps to go to do what we did. I don't think it's safe to go out of the pits on cold tires for a restart when half the field is sort of still trying to get out on track when we go green," Ericsson said. "I can't agree with that."

Newgarden and Ericsson were followed by Santino Ferrucci, who gave 88-year-old A.J. Foyt his team's best finish in the iconic race that Super Tex won four times since Kenny Bräck reached victory lane in 1999.

Alex Palou, the pole sitter and race favorite for Chip Ganassi Racing, finished fourth after recovering from a crash on pit road, and Rossi was fifth on what was an otherwise disappointing day for Arrow McLaren.

## Ferrucci, Foyt team find revival with 3rd-place finish

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Larry Foyt sensed his late adopted mother helped Santino Ferrucci navigate Sunday's anxious moment in the Indianapolis 500.

His adopted father, meanwhile, kept asking late-race questions between radio calls to the No. 14 car.

The only thing that would have made the A.J. Foyt Enterprises president smile more gleefully would have been a trip to Victory Lane with both parents and Ferrucci, whose third-place finish was the highest by a Foyt driver since 1999.

"We definitely had some people looking over us today," Larry Foyt said. "Mom would be real happy and I know she kept us out of trouble because there were some close ones today.

Whew!

"I'm glad we were able to be up there and be competitive really all day. I'm so thankful we got in the top three and just wish we could have gotten that win."

Just being competitive in May was a victory for this team after the struggles it has endured on and off the track in recent years.

A.J. Foyt, the first of four drivers to win Indy four times and still one of the most popular figures at Gasoline Alley, had come to the Brickyard many times after surviving horrific crashes, killer bee attacks, a lion attack and multiple heart surgeries and staph infections. But nothing hurt more than the death in April of his beloved wife, Lucy, after 68 years of marriage. She was 88.

Foyt didn't make his usual

trip to the Kentucky Derby this year and largely did his work at the historic 2.5-mile oval privately.

The 24-year-old Ferrucci, meanwhile, understood exactly what this race and this month meant to his team owner and the Foyt family, setting out to do everything he could to make this a memorable May.

He even stole a page from the family playbook by making a series of daring passes, bravely driving through the grass, even getting lucky to avoid a late penalty when a crew member snatched a loose tire and pulled it back inside the pit box.

And in many ways, it seemed like this was destiny for the confident American driving the No. 14 car with the star-spangled paint job.

"Normally for this race,

there's a bit of nervousness and you're just kind of like amped up, ready to go," he said. "I was almost like in tears getting into the car because I think this race meant so much to so many of us today, specifically obviously with the passing of A.J.'s wife and Larry's mom," he said while noting another recent death within the team.

"It's been a very emotional month for us."

Larry Foyt did his best to focus on keeping Ferrucci in position to win.

"When it was getting into the last stint, he (A.J.) was trying to ask me questions and I was trying to stay on the radio," he said. "He was really getting into it and that's just awesome. That's how he's used to racing and I'm glad we were able to do that today and be up there."

# KCP gave Nuggets big-game pedigree

*Associated Press*

DENVER — The Denver Nuggets had all the ingredients for an NBA Finals run this season — Nikola Jokic’s all-around greatness, Jamal Murray’s sweet ball handling, Michael Porter Jr.’s board crashing and arc accuracy, Aaron Gordon’s above-the-rim brilliance.

The only thing missing was big-game experience.

Enter Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, who won a title with the Los Angeles Lakers inside the NBA bubble in 2020.

The Nuggets acquired the sharp-shooting swingman along with veteran guard Ish Smith from the Washington Wizards last July in exchange for Monte Morris and Will Barton.

KCP, the quiet-until-he-needs-to-be player with a lethal outside shot, has been the calming presence on this squad that has sent Karl-Anthony Towns, Anthony Edwards, Kevin Durant, Devin Booker, Anthony Davis and LeBron James on early vacations and has designs on adding either

Jimmy Butler or Jayson Tatum to that mix when the NBA Finals finally get here June 1.

“He’s just the ultimate leader, ultimate professional, comes in every day and works extremely hard, holds everyone accountable,” said fellow 2022-23 addition Bruce Brown Jr. “But he is the only one on this team who has won a championship. He knows what it takes and what we need to do. So, we gotta listen to that guy.”

Teammates and coaches say KCP isn’t so much in your face as he’s in your ear, dispensing advice, tips, guidance, encouragement and caution along the way as the Nuggets navigate a championship road they’ve never been down.

“I do it vocally, just talking, bringing that championship mentality that I have to my team now,” Caldwell-Pope said, “and just tell them in moments like if they go on a run, it’s not the end of the day. Let’s just get back to doing what we do. Like I say, it’s all about being patient, being ready

and defending.”

The Nuggets’ four-game sweep of the Lakers secured the franchise’s first Western Conference title and sent the Nuggets to their first NBA Finals appearance in their history and to their first championship series since they lost to Julius Erving and the New York Nets 4-2 in the ABA’s last season in 1976.

Those two teams, along with the Indiana Pacers and San Antonio Spurs, joined the NBA in 1976-77 when the ABA disbanded. All the others reached the NBA Finals long before the Nuggets, who are appearing in their first league championship in their 47-year history.

They might not have made it without KCP, whose on-the-court contributions are what Nuggets superstar Jokic appreciates the most.

Caldwell-Pope was an integral part of the Lakers’ championship run in 2020, averaging 10.7 points and starting in all of LA’s 21 playoff games. He helped the Lakers beat the Nuggets in five

games for the Western Conference title in the bubble.

What he’s brought the Nuggets isn’t just that championship pedigree but performance, Jokic said Saturday.

“Yes, he won a championship, but the best thing about KCP is he knows exactly what to do and where to be,” Jokic said. “And he’s doing that in the first game, the 70th game, the playoff game, Finals game, whatever game, he always does what he’s supposed to do and I think that’s the best way to describe him.”

Whether he’s doling out tips or quietly going about his business, KCP has been a big part of the Nuggets’ longest playoff drive in their history. He’s averaged 11.7 points a game, up from 10.8 in the regular season, and 3.2 rebounds, up from 2.7, while reducing his turnovers from 1.1 to 0.7.

“I feel like I’m always on a tough matchup,” Caldwell-Pope said. “I pride myself on my defense. I look forward to being able to just get stops.”

## Even sidelined, Hornqvist has big role with Panthers

*Associated Press*

Patric Hornqvist was one of the last Florida Panthers players to leave the team’s locker room on Sunday, which surprises none of his teammates.

He’s not playing yet still working as hard as anyone.

The two-time Stanley Cup winner has a chance to get his name on hockey’s biggest prize for a third time, with the Panthers set to start the Final next weekend at either Vegas or Dallas. Hornqvist has not played since a concussion knocked him from a game against Seattle on Dec. 3, and he won’t play in the championship series.

“I feel great,” Hornqvist said. “This is so much fun. To see the boys playing this hard, on that consistent basis for the last 15

games, it makes me so happy. I’m so happy for them and to be through this kind of run again, for me, it’s great. This is what you live for as a player and as a fan and all that. For me to still be around them on a day-to-day basis, it makes my life great.”

He hasn’t scored since getting the game winner on opening night against the New York Islanders. He hasn’t had a point on any of Florida’s last 256 goals, hasn’t dressed for any of the Panthers’ last 74 games, and yet everyone in the locker room says he’s a big reason why they’re headed to the Stanley Cup Final.

“He’s definitely the guy who you want to talk to if you need to know anything about a situation,” captain Aleksander Barkov said. “He always knows

what to do, especially now, because he’s won it twice.”

At 36 years old and in his 15th NHL season, Hornqvist — who won his Cups with Pittsburgh in 2016 and 2017 — surely wasn’t envisioning his year going this way. He hasn’t officially retired; he said there will be a conversation with the Panthers about the future when the season ends.

But there was just no willingness on the team’s part to potentially expose him to another head injury this season.

“We all knew when he got to post-concussion that the risk then of another one was way too high,” coach Paul Maurice said. “The potential cost for the rest of his life was just way too high. You find with players — certainly not the extreme point when

their careers possibly have come to an end — but with a major injury they always go through some sort of depression. You just didn’t see that with him. He wasn’t relieved, he wasn’t happy that it was over, but he knew that at that point that it was over.”

Over on game nights, anyway.

He hasn’t hung up the skates quite yet — and still has a very important role on the ice.

The Panthers have dealt with a ton of injuries this season and the medical team always has to determine when a player is ready to return. This season, there’s been an extra test: that player has to survive a skating session with Hornqvist.

“If you can skate with him, you’re good,” Maurice said.

# Acuña, Olson star as Braves beat Phillies

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Given a seven-run lead in the first inning, Atlanta right-hander Spencer Strider could relax and keep adding to his majors-leading strikeout total.

“That game felt like it was over pretty quick,” Strider said.

Ronald Acuña Jr. drove in three runs with four hits, including a two-run single in Atlanta’s seven-run first inning, and the Braves beat the Philadelphia Phillies 11-4 on Sunday night to split the four-game series.

“Getting a lead first is big, especially when you get that big of a lead,” Strider said. “When we’re putting up runs, my job isn’t to be perfect. My job is to get outs.”

Following the game, Braves manager Brian Snitker announced right-hander Michael Soroka will be recalled to make his first start since the 2020 season on Monday night at Oakland.

Matt Olson hit a pair of two-run homers for Atlanta, and Strider became the fastest pitcher in modern history to reach 100 strikeouts in a season.

“It’s incredible,” said Acuña through a translator of Strider. “Every time he goes out to pitch it seems like he’s going to strike everybody out.”

Strider (5-2) struck out nine while pitching six innings of two-run ball. The right-hander fired a called third strike past Nick Castellanos for the first out of the

fourth, giving him 100 strikeouts in 61 innings and topping Jacob deGrom’s 61⅓ innings in 2021 as the fastest to 100 in the modern era.

**Rays 11, Dodgers 10:** Isaac Paredes homered and drove in four runs as MLB-best Tampa Bay topped NL West-leading Los Angeles.

Luke Raley beat out an infield single leading off the seventh and scored on Wander Franco’s grounder, giving the host Rays an 11-10 advantage.

Chris Taylor homered twice, and Max Muncy, Trayce Thompson and J.D. Martinez also connected for the Dodgers. Victor González (1-2) was charged with the loss.

**Orioles 3, Rangers 2:** Austin Hays singled in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning to cap a three-hit performance, and host Baltimore avoided a three-game series sweep.

After Texas tied the game in the top of the eighth, Cedric Mullins opened the bottom half with a walk against Cole Ragans (2-2). Adley Rutschman followed with a single, and Hays greeted Joe Barlow with a sharp grounder up the middle against a drawn-in infield.

**Yankees 10, Padres 7:** Anthony Rizzo hit a go-ahead RBI single in host New York’s seven-run third inning before injuring his neck on a pickoff play.

Rizzo was hurt when Kyle Hi-

gashioka picked off Fernando Tatis Jr. to end the sixth. As the first baseman leaned back to apply the tag, Rizzo collided with Tatis. Rizzo stayed on the ground for a few minutes and headed back to the clubhouse as the Yankees batted. The team said Rizzo’s exit was for precautionary reasons.

**Blue Jays 3, Twins 0:** Visiting Toronto’s José Berríos pitched around a season-high five walks and into the sixth inning, beating his old team.

Alejandro Kirk hit a two-run single in the second that held up for Berríos (5-4), who has allowed two or fewer runs in seven of his last nine turns after a rough start.

**Diamondbacks 4, Red Sox 2:** Merrill Kelly struck out 10 and Corbin Carroll hit a two-run homer, helping host Arizona to the win.

Carroll hit a two-run homer off Tanner Houck (3-4) in the first. Geraldo Perdomo added a solo shot in the second to stake Kelly to a 4-0 lead.

**Rockies 11, Mets 10:** Ryan McMahon homered for the third straight game and drove in five runs, powering host Colorado to the victory.

McMahon hit a three-run double in a four-run fourth inning against Tylor Megill and a 437-foot, two-run homer to center field off Stephen Nogosek (0-1) an inning later. Colorado erased

a 6-2 deficit to take two of three in the series and complete a 5-2 homestand.

**Astros 10, Athletics 1:** Yordan Alvarez hit two of visiting Houston’s seven homers, and the Astros handed Oakland its 11th consecutive loss.

**Brewers 7, Giants 5:** William Contreras homered and drove in three runs, powering host Milwaukee to the win.

**Reds 8, Cubs 5:** Matt McLain had a career-high four hits in his 12th big league game, and visiting Cincinnati completed a three-game series sweep.

**Marlins 2, Angels 0:** Nick Fortes homered, rookie Eury Pérez pitched five innings and visiting Miami concluded its 10-game road trip with a series sweep of Los Angeles.

**Mariners 6, Pirates 3 (10):** Eugenio Suárez hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning, and host Seattle beat Pittsburgh for its sixth win in seven games.

**Guardians 4, Cardinals 3:** José Ramírez hit a two-run double with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting host Cleveland to the victory.

**Tigers 6, White Sox 5 (10):** Eric Haase hit a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning, sending host Detroit to the win.

**Royals 3, Nationals 2:** Michael Massey drove in MJ Melendez with a game-ending single for host Kansas City with two outs in the ninth inning.

## Stephens leads 5 US women into 2nd round of French Open

Associated Press

PARIS — Back on her “favorite court in the world,” Sloane Stephens looked sharp in her opening match at the French Open with a 6-0, 6-4 win over two-time major finalist Karolina Pliskova.

While Stephens’ only Grand Slam title came at the 2017 U.S. Open, she’s also had sustained success at Roland Garros, finishing as a runner-up to Simona Halep in 2018 and reaching two quarterfinals on the red clay in Paris — including last year.

“This is my favorite court in the world, so I’m super happy to be back,” Stephens told

the crowd on Court Philippe Chatrier. “To start a Slam on your favorite court, your favorite surface, is always incredible.”

She helped American women go 5-1 on Day 2 of the tournament after a 1-4 start on Sunday, when the only U.S. victory came in a match between two players from the country: Jessica Pegula beat Danielle Collins.

Madison Keys, the runner-up to Stephens in New York six years ago and a semifinalist at Roland Garros in 2018, beat Kaia Kanepi 6-1, 3-6, 6-1 on Monday to improve her career record in the first round of majors to 35-5.

Keys next plays American qualifier Kayla Day, who eliminated French wild-card entry Kristina Mladenovic 7-5, 6-1.

Also, Croatian-born American Bernarda Pera beat former No. 2-ranked Anett Kontaveit 7-6 (6), 6-2.

Alycia Parks was the only American woman to lose in the early part of the day when she fell to Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-0.

Peyton Stearns later defeated Katerina Siniakova of the Czech Republic, 7-6 (7), 6-2 to become the fifth U.S. woman to advance on the day.