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## Navy seeks culture change after scandal

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SAN DIEGO — For more than a decade, Malaysian tycoon Leonard Glenn Francis — a grifter known as “Fat Leonard” — bribed Navy officers with booze, prostitutes and luxury gifts to bilk at least \$35 million from the U.S. government with inflated bills.

Francis’ arrest in a San Diego sting nearly four years ago triggered the collapse of his overseas port services company, Glenn Defense Marine Asia, the prosecution of dozens of Navy officers and civilian officials, and the ongoing internal investigation of 30 admirals and more than 200 sailors for possible corruption.

When the Navy began investigating Glenn Defense for improperly high invoices, fake work orders and inexplicable cost overruns, investigators soon realized that Francis’ moles had infiltrated key sectors of the military’s logistics and law-enforcement branches, feeding him classified information on warship movements while choking inquiries into the fraud.

While the scandal mostly has played out in federal court, the Navy has been rolling out a series of reforms designed to strengthen its leaders, battle corruption and ensure that a con man can’t assume Francis’ mantle.

“Our Navy functions on a foundation of trust and confidence,” Navy spokeswoman

Capt. Amy Derrick said in a statement. “We must maintain the trust and confidence of the American people we are sworn to protect. We must also strengthen trust and confidence within the Navy between all parts of the chain of command. It is trust and confidence that enable delegation, which is central to operations and combat at sea.”

In an effort to back up Derrick’s words, Navy officials sent to The San Diego Union-Tribune a report detailing actions taken to ferret out corruption and to create better internal controls.

Not all of the measures have been implemented fully, the Navy’s main report indicates, but the reforms have been far-reaching. They include the role that auditors and comptrollers play in scrutinizing bills, and training for sailors in ethics and on how they report suspected wrongdoing to their superiors or agency watchdogs.

Francis used his network of corrupt Navy officers to prey on the Navy’s on-site contracted logistics system overseas, feasting on fake fees and inflated charges for port services — what sailors call “husbanding.”

Navy reports show that by early 2014, the service had identified key weaknesses in the contracting system. That meant changing how the Navy awards and tasks orders and contracts, schedules ships for port visits, ap-

proves the purchasing of goods and services overseas, and reviews and pays invoices.

Supply officers are no longer allowed to accept gifts from contractors, to disclose sensitive information or to project any appearance of impropriety. A little more than a year ago, the Navy also established indefinite delivery contracts with multiple husbanding providers, allowing the fleet to competitively price orders with approved vendors.

Today, the Navy relies on orders at fixed prices pegged to the most current market rates for goods and services as determined by Fleet Logistics Centers worldwide, not by warship supply officers.

After Francis’ arrest and through last year, the Navy suspended 566 vendors and permanently debarred an additional 548 from contracts, according to the federal Interagency Suspension and Debarment Committee. That list included Glenn Defense Marine Asia and 55 of its affiliates across the Pacific Rim.

Public corruption watchdogs said the internal changes in how the Navy deals with contractors are important, but that the harder problem to fix is a culture of corruption that infested the highest ranks of the maritime service.

## Trump, Abe agree to get tougher on North Korea

BY SETH ROBSON

*Stars and Stripes*

President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe agreed Monday to get tougher on North Korea, while the regime warned it will retaliate if Washington pursues “military action and ‘tough sanctions.’”

Trump, who spoke to Abe via telephone, promised to “take all necessary measures to protect” Japan after the North test-fired its second intercontinental ballistic missile late Friday, Abe told reporters, according to The Associated Press. Abe also said

Japan would bolster its defense systems and capabilities in solidarity with the United States.

The pair plan to push for tougher sanctions and urge China to put pressure on the North, according to South Korea’s Yonhap News Agency.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un expressed “great satisfaction” with the missile, which splashed down into the Sea of Japan near Hokkaido, according to a statement released Saturday by the Korean Central News Agency. Kim boasted that the launch proved the North’s missiles now have the ability to reach “all across

the continental U.S.”

North Korea’s Foreign Ministry later warned the U.S. against responding with additional sanctions or military action, according to a statement released by KCNA.

“In case the U.S. fails to come to its own senses and continues to resort to military adventure and ‘tough sanctions,’ [North Korea] will respond with its resolute act of justice as already declared,” the statement said.

On Sunday, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley tweeted that she was “done talking” about North Korea, and later released a

statement saying there was “no point” of seeking an emergency Security Council session over the matter.

An additional security council resolution would be “of no value” because it sends a message to Kim that the international community isn’t willing to seriously challenge him, Haley said. “China must decide whether it is willing to take this vital step,” she said. “The time for talk is over. The danger the North Korean regime poses to international peace is now clear to all.”

# 2 reported killed in Iraqi Embassy attack

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KABUL, Afghanistan — A four-hour siege of the Iraqi Embassy in downtown Kabul ended Monday afternoon with Afghan security forces killing three attackers who had holed up in the mission, officials said.

The attack began shortly before noon, when a terrorist blew himself up near the embassy gates and the gunmen stormed the grounds.

It was reported initially that the blast was caused by a suicide car bomb, but later reports said the suicide bomber was on foot.

Security forces quickly surrounded the embassy compound in the Shar-e-Naw neighborhood and began trying to flush out the gunmen, said Interior Ministry spokesman Najeeb Danish.

“It is a terrorist attack,” he said. “There is no threat to the ambassador and the employees of the embassy; they were taken to a safe place.”

The embassy’s charge d’affaires was relocated to the Egyptian Embassy, Ahmed Jamal, a spokesman for the Iraqi Foreign Affairs Ministry, said on Twitter. Attempts to rescue two embassy staff members were still underway, he said, hours after the attack first was reported.

Danish said one police officer was wounded in the attack, but none of the Iraqi Embassy staff had been harmed. The compound suffered extensive damage and had its windows blown out, the Interior Ministry said.

Two Afghan guards also were killed by the blast, the Iraqi Foreign Affairs Ministry in Baghdad told Reuters.

Islamic State claimed responsibility in a statement.

The raid may have been meant as a show of strength despite the group’s recent losses in Iraq, where security forces have completed the recapture of the country’s second-largest city, Mosul. Last month, the embassy in Kabul held a news conference to celebrate Iraqi forces’ victory over the terrorist group.

## Officials: Afghan children were smuggled to Pakistani seminaries

*Associated Press*

KABUL, Afghanistan — It was a routine check. Two vans, both without license plates, were stopped earlier this month by police in Afghanistan’s eastern Ghazni province, where the Taliban hold sway in large swaths of the countryside.

Inside, police found 27 boys between the ages of 4 and 15, all being taken illegally to Pakistan’s southwestern Baluchistan province to study in seminaries called madrassas, according to a police report acquired by The Associated Press.

The authorities told the AP that the children were being taken to Pakistani madrassas to educate a new generation in the ways of the Taliban, with the intention of returning them to Afghanistan to enforce the same rigid interpretation of Islam practiced by the radical religious movement until its ouster by U.S.-led coalition forces in 2001.

The police called it child trafficking and threw the drivers and the only other adults, two men who organized the convoy, into jail.

But the parents said they wanted their children to study

in Pakistan and had sent them willingly to Quetta, the capital of Pakistan’s sparsely populated Baluchistan province on the border with Afghanistan.

Quetta is significant to Afghanistan’s Taliban, many of whom graduated from madrassas there. It is also considered the headquarters of the Taliban leadership council, which is widely referred to as the “Quetta shura.”

An Afghan counterterrorism official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because revealing his identity could endanger him, said Afghan intelligence has identified 26 madrassas in Pakistan where it suspects future generations of Taliban are being trained and in some cases instructed in carrying out suicide bombings.

Sheikh Abdul Hakim madrassa was among the Quetta schools the Afghan official identified as Taliban recruitment centers. The AP went to the madrassa and was told the director, after whom the madrassa is named, was on a missionary sabbatical to preach Islam, but a teacher, Azizullah Mainkhail, said some students at the madrassa were from Afghanistan.

The majority, however, he

said are Pakistanis from villages throughout Baluchistan. He denied affiliation with the Taliban or Pakistan’s powerful intelligence agency, known by the acronym ISI and accused by Afghanistan of supporting the Taliban.

A separate attempt in Ghazni province to move children across the border, also for religious education, was foiled by police about two weeks ago, the Afghan official said. The 13 children, from neighboring Paktika province, also were destined for religious studies.

Traffickers “wanted to take our innocent children to the terrorist centers on the other side of the border under the pretense of Islamic studies,” Ghazni Police Chief Mohammad Mustafa Mayar said.

Each year there are at least three or four cases of children being smuggled from province to province or across the international borders, sometimes to be used as cheap labor, other times to be recruited by the Taliban under the guise of religious education, and other times for sexual abuse, said Mohammed Musa Mahmoodi, of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission.

## US: Drone strike killed member of al-Shabab

*Associated Press*

MOGADISHU, Somalia — The U.S. military said Monday it carried out a drone strike in Somalia that killed a member of the al-Shabab extremist group, while a Somali intelligence official said an al-Shabab leader was targeted but it was not clear whether he had been killed.

A statement from the U.S. Africa Command said the airstrike occurred Saturday near Tortoroo, an al-Shabab stronghold in Lower Shabelle region in southern Somalia. The statement said no civilians were killed.

The U.S. statement said the airstrike was carried out in coordination with regional partners “as a direct response to al-Shabab actions, including recent attacks on Somali forces.”

The Somali official said at least one missile struck a car in which the al-Shabab leader was travelling near Tortoroo. One person was killed, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.



## Luggage screening boosted after Australian plane plot

Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia — Security remained heightened in airports around Australia, with more intense screening of luggage, after law enforcement officials thwarted what a police chief described Monday as a “credible attempt to attack an aircraft.”

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Border Protection Minister Peter Dutton declined to comment on newspaper reports that Islamist extremists planned to kill the occupants of a plane with poison gas and that a homemade bomb was to be disguised as a kitchen mincer.

“Police will allege they had the intent and were developing the capability,” Turnbull told Australian Broadcasting Corp.

Turnbull announced on Sunday that “a terrorist plot to bring down an airplane” had been disrupted, but he revealed few details.

Four men arrested in raids in Sydney late Saturday — two Lebanese-Australian fathers and their sons — had yet to be charged.

Australian Federal Police Commissioner Andrew Colvin said a court ruled Monday that the four could be detained without charges for seven days after their arrest under counterterrorism laws.

“We believe we have disrupted a legitimate and credible

attempt to attack an aircraft,” Colvin told reporters, without elaborating.

Colvin has repeatedly described the threat as a “device,” without mentioning whether it was explosive.

“The plot that we are investigating we believe was an attempt to put a device onto an aircraft, but beyond that the speculation is just that — speculation,” he said, adding that police had “many working theories.”

Colvin and the government would not comment on media reports that the suspects were not previously known to Australian security officials and that their arrests followed a tip from a foreign intelligence agency.

“Australians can be assured that we have very fine intelligence services and we moved extremely quickly on this one and, as you can see, with the right outcomes,” Turnbull said.

The Australian newspaper cited multiple anonymous sources saying that the plotters were constructing a “nontraditional” explosive device that could have emitted a toxic, sulfur-based gas to kill or immobilize everyone on the aircraft.

Sydney’s The Daily Telegraph newspaper reported that the plotters planned to make a bomb from wood shavings and explosive material inside a piece of kitchen equipment such as a mincing machine.

## Putin: US must cut 755 from diplomatic staff

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin has demanded the United States cut its embassy and consulate staff in Russia by 755 people, underlining his displeasure with U.S. sanctions and heightening tensions between Washington and Moscow.

The U.S. State Department called Putin’s move “a regrettable and uncalled-for act.”

Putin’s announcement Sunday came three days after the U.S. Congress approved sanctions against Russia and just hours after Vice President Mike Pence landed in Estonia, which borders Russia, for talks with the country that holds the rotating European Union presidency.

Russian’s Foreign Ministry on Friday ordered a reduction by Sept. 1 in U.S. diplomatic personnel in Russia to 455 people in response to a new package of American sanctions. The White House says President Donald Trump will sign those sanctions into law.

The sanctions, which also target Iran and North Korea, seek to punish Moscow for meddling in the 2016 U.S. election and for its military aggression in Ukraine and Syria.

“We had hoped that the situation will somehow change,

but apparently if it changes, it won’t be soon,” Putin told state-owned TV station Rossiya-1, explaining why Moscow decided to retaliate. “I thought it was the time to show that we’re not going to leave it without an answer.”

Russia is open to cooperating with the U.S. on various issues, including terrorism and cybercrime, but instead it “only hears unfounded accusations of meddling in U.S. domestic affairs,” he said.

Putin said more than 1,000 people are currently employed at the Moscow embassy and three U.S. consulates in Russia. They include both Americans and Russians hired to work in the diplomatic offices.

The Russian leader did not explain how the figure of 755 positions was calculated.

In a statement, the State Department said: “This is a regrettable and uncalled-for act. We are assessing the impact of such a limitation and how we will respond to it. We have no further comment at this time.”

The State Department declined to give an exact number of American diplomats or other U.S. officials in Russia, but the figure is believed to be about 400, some of whom have families accompanying them on diplomatic passports.

## VP Pence: Attack on 1 NATO ally an attack on all

Associated Press

TALLINN, Estonia — Vice President Mike Pence on Monday strongly pledged America’s commitment to protecting NATO allies against attacks, including the Baltic states, which have anxiously watched a growing Russian military presence in the region.

“Under President Donald Trump, the United States stands firmly behind our Article 5 pledge of mutual defense — an attack on one of us is an attack on us all,” Pence told reporters after meeting with the presidents of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in the Estonian capital of Tallinn.

Mutual defense is a vital issue for the three small former Soviet states that border Russia, which were all occupied for nearly five decades by Soviet troops before regaining their independence in 1991 after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Noting that Trump “knows security is the foundation of our prosperity,” Pence said America and the Baltic countries would seek new ways to increase prosperity by increasing two-way trade that currently amounts to \$3.5 billion and increasing mutual investments.

Earlier, he met Estonian President Kersti Kaljulaid, Latvian President Raimonds

Vejonis and Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė.

Estonia currently holds the rotating presidency of the 28-nation European Union.

Pence also is scheduled to meet NATO troops from Britain, France and the United States that are stationed in Estonia. The alliance has deployed some 4,000 troops and military hardware in the three Baltic states and Poland to counter Russia’s presence in the Baltic Sea region.

Pence is in Estonia on the first leg of a European tour that also takes him to Georgia and Montenegro, two other regions facing strong pressure from Russia.

# Trump swears in his new White House chief of staff

Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump swore in his new chief of staff, John Kelly, on Monday morning, formalizing a shake-up in his top ranks that was announced Friday evening with word of the resignation of Reince Priebus.

“We look forward to — if it’s possible — an even better job as chief of staff,” Trump said to Kelly, formerly the secretary of homeland security.

“I’ll try, sir,” Kelly replied.

Trump is hoping that Kelly, a retired general, will retool and bring order to a White House that has struggled with low poll numbers, staff infighting, a faltering legislative agenda and an investigation into Russian

election meddling and potential collusion and obstruction of justice.

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**President Donald Trump**

He cited the unemployment rate, the thriving stock market and unnamed polls that, he said, show high business confidence.

“We’re doing very well. We

have a tremendous base,” he said. “The country is optimistic. And I think the general will just add to it.”

Trump praised Kelly’s performance at the Department of Homeland Security, where Kelly focused on immigration issues at the southern border, as “record-shattering,” with “very little controversy.”

There was no word on whom the president might name to replace Kelly at the department. Trump reportedly has considered moving Attorney General Jeff Sessions there from the Justice Department, reflecting his unhappiness with the attorney general, but Republican senators pre-emptively have signaled their opposition to such a move.

# Tropical storm in Gulf nears Florida

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Tropical Storm Emily churned toward the Florida Gulf Coast at the mouth of Tampa Bay, forcing Gov. Rick Scott to declare a state of emergency for 31 counties as the storm threatened to dump heavy rain when it crossed the peninsula in coming hours.

Rain began falling around midnight in St. Petersburg on Florida’s west coast and had barely let up by midmorning Monday, making for a soggy rush hour. More rain was on the way as the storm system was expected to head inland. Forecasters warned of possible risks of isolated tornadoes and even offshore waterspouts from the system.

Scott was headed to the state’s Emergency Operations Center for a briefing on Tropical Storm Emily. Scott said in a news release that residents of the affected areas should remain vigilant as the storm crossed central Florida, bringing wind and rain to the central and southern parts of the state.

A few communities, such as Pinellas Park and Tarpon Springs, offered residents sandbags to stave off flooding. The U.S. National Hurricane Center said the storm’s maximum sustained winds increased Monday morning to near 45 mph, but Emily was expected to weaken to a tropical depression as it moves inland. A tropical storm warning is in effect for a section of the Florida coast from the Anclote River to Bonita Beach.

At 11 a.m. Monday, Emily was centered about 35 miles southwest of Tampa and moving east at 9 mph. Forecasters said Emily was expected to dump between 2 and 4 inches of rain through Monday night between the Tampa Bay area and Naples, with isolated amounts of up to 8 inches possible in spots. Lesser amounts were predicted elsewhere in the region.

# While preparing to give birth, Kentucky doctor delivers another woman’s baby

The Washington Post

A Kentucky-based doctor who was in the hospital preparing to give birth put her own delivery on hold to deliver another woman’s baby after hearing that the child was in distress.

Amanda Hess, an obstetrician-gynecologist from Frankfort, checked into the Frankfort Regional Medical Center as a patient last week, donned a hospital gown and was moments away from induced labor when she heard a woman in another room wailing in pain, NBC News reported Saturday.

The woman was Leah Halliday Johnson, a pregnant mother who happened to be one of Hess’ patients. Just the week before, she had seen Hess during her final prenatal appointment, according to NBC.

Nurses told Hess that Halliday Johnson’s baby was coming far faster than expected

and that the umbilical cord was wrapped loosely around the child’s neck, Halliday Johnson told People.com Sunday. The on-call doctor had left the hospital for a break, and they needed immediate help.

That’s when Hess jumped in.

“I just put on another gown to cover up my backside and put on some boots over my shoes, to keep from getting any fluid and all that stuff on me, and went down to her room,” Hess told WKYT.

“I had actually taken a call the day before, so I thought really that I was working up to the last minute,” she said. “But this was literally ‘til the last second.”

Nurses had been urging Halliday Johnson not to push, but the pain was getting worse, she told People.com on Sunday.

When Hess came in, Halliday Johnson didn’t realize the doctor was about to enter labor herself.

“She was definitely in doctor mode,” Halliday Johnson told NBC. “My husband noticed something was going on because she had on a hospital gown, but I didn’t notice that because I was on the delivery table. I was in my own world there.”

Halliday Johnson gave birth to a baby girl, according to NBC.

“She was just glad to be able to get to push and have the baby out and not have to wait any longer,” Hess told WKYT.

Shortly after, the on-call doctor arrived and took over. Her work in Halliday Johnson’s room done, Hess went back down the hall. Later that night, she too gave birth to a girl.

“Pretty amazing what she did,” Halliday Johnson told LEX 18. “I feel very lucky she was there and the type of person she is and step up to do what she did. We really appreciate her.”



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

### Woman, 83, son held in murder-for-hire plot

**NH** PLAINFIELD — An 83-year-old woman and her 63-year-old son have been charged in a murder-for-hire plot involving his ex-wife, police said Friday.

Pauline Chase and Maurice Temple were arrested Thursday and charged with conspiracy to commit murder, solicitation to commit murder and attempt to commit murder.

WMUR-TV reported court paperwork shows Maurice Temple was in a dispute with his ex-wife over money he owed her because of their divorce. He was arrested and jailed recently for failing to make court-ordered payments.

The police complaint alleges both had conversations with another person about causing the death of Temple's ex-wife and provided about \$5,000 as a down payment.

### Man's sentence for spitting on jailer tossed

**KY** OWENSBORO — A man facing up to a decade in prison for spitting in the face of a deputy jailer will go free after a state appeals court vacated his conviction.

The Messenger-Inquirer reported Michael D. Padgett, 25, was convicted of felony assault and was sentenced to one year in prison for the 2014 incident in which he spat in the face of a deputy jailer who was trying to restrain him. Because Padgett already had two felony convictions, he was a "persistent felony offender" and his sentence was increased to 10 years.

Padgett was tried twice for the crime. A state appeals court ruled Friday a judge was wrong to declare a mistrial in Padgett's first trial, meaning

the second trial was improper. The court ruled Padgett could not be tried again.

### Man rescues 'Miracle' cat thrown off bridge

**FL** DESTIN — A Florida charter boat captain couldn't believe his eyes when he saw a creature falling from a bridge.

The Panama City News Herald reported that Capt. Jordan Smith was traveling near a bridge on Thursday when an animal apparently was thrown off. Smith said he saw something in the corner of his eye, and heard "splat! Splat!"

He moved his boat closer, thinking it might be an otter. But then he saw two orange eyes looking at him in fear. Smith used a net to pull the cat out of the water.

Smith said the cat has been taken to a vet, and he plans to adopt her. Her name? Smith said, "I'm thinking Miracle."

### After traffic jam, baby delivered in parking lot

**MO** SUNSET HILLS — A suburban St. Louis woman whose water broke during a traffic jam delivered her third child in a parking lot.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that Katie Gaeta, 31, thought she had plenty of time to get to the hospital when contractions started last week.

After a relative picked up the older children, she and her husband, Tony, began their 30-minute drive to Mercy Birthing Center, with their labor coach following. But when her water broke, traffic wasn't moving because of an accident. Baby Emma arrived after Gaeta's husband pulled into an Old Navy store parking lot in Sunset Hills.

### Man burned as mystery package explodes

**NY** NEW YORK — Police said a 73-year-old man was badly burned after he opened a mysterious package the shape of an oatmeal container left on his doorstep and it exploded.

Chief of Detectives Robert Boyce said the man had second- and third-degree burns to more than 80 percent of his torso and legs and was hospitalized in critical condition.

Boyce said the explosive was rigged to detonate when opened.

### Authorities stymied by rash of eggings

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — Northern California police are on the hunt for vandals they say have egged at least a dozen homes and vehicles in the past month.

KTVU-TV reported on July 25 that Brentwood Police have several surveillance clips of the vandalism, including one of a male practicing a wind-up before unleashing at least three raw eggs.

Investigators said more than 20 incidents have been reported, with some households being hit multiple times.

### 2 vandals sought over feces spread at store

**PA** BETHLEHEM — Police are looking for two men suspected of spreading feces on the walls, floors and ceiling of a restroom in a Pennsylvania supermarket.

Police said the men were recognized by store staff and were caught on security cameras outside the restroom of the Wegman's store that was vandalized on June 30 in Lower

Nazareth Township.

Police planned to charge the men with disorderly conduct and criminal mischief.

### 2 injured after horse falls through bridge

**ME** HUDSON — Firefighters said a horse fell partially through a bridge and then on top of its rider after a rescue attempt in Maine.

The Hudson Fire Department was called July 23 after the horse's legs had partially fallen through a space in the bridge — trapping its hooves in the gaps. WMTW-TV reported that the horse then fell on top of its rider unexpectedly while firefighters attempted to extricate the animal.

The rider and a second person suffered non-life-threatening injuries and were taken to a hospital. It is unclear how the second person was injured.

Eventually, fire officials freed the horse from the bridge with help from a tranquilizer and a front-loader. The animal suffered minor injuries.

### Space module replica stolen from museum

**OH** WAPAKONETA — Ohio police said a rare gold replica of the lunar space module has been stolen from the Armstrong Air and Space Museum.

Police in Wapakoneta responded to a museum alarm Friday night and discovered the 5-inch high, solid-gold replica had been stolen.

Astronaut Neil Armstrong, a Wapakoneta native, became the first person to step onto the moon's surface in 1969.

Police said the value of the replica cannot be determined.

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# Rangers' Beltre joins 3,000-hit club

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Adrian Beltre got his 3,000th career hit in a fitting way — a hard hit down the line past third base.

The 38-year-old Texas Rangers third baseman doubled Sunday to become the first player from the Dominican Republic, and 31st overall, to join the 3,000-hit club in the major leagues.

A banner was unfurled high above straightaway center field congratulating Beltre after his hit in the fourth inning against the Baltimore Orioles. His teammates, who had crowded on the rail of their first-base dugout to be as close as possible to the historic moment, flooded onto the field to celebrate with him.

Beltre's two daughters and 10-year-old son, Adrian Jr., left their front-row seats near the dugout they had shared with other family members and ran to right-center field. The kids helped unveil a logo commemorating the accomplishment on the wall in front of the Rangers bullpen,

then went and hugged their father on the infield dirt.

Beltre grounded a 3-0 pitch hard down the line and the ball ricocheted off the side wall and into left field. The double came off lefty Wade Miley, who got Beltre out on a swinging strikeout in the second.

On an afternoon with temperatures in the 90s, the sun-soaked crowd stood in anticipation and started cheering when Beltre was introduced in his 2,771st career game. Now in his 20th big league season, he is only the third player who is primarily a third baseman in the 3,000-hit club, joining Hall of Famers George Brett and Wade Boggs.

Even Orioles players, including Miley, applauded the accomplishment.

The milestone came only minutes after former Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez finished his induction speech at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. Barring unusual circumstances, getting 3,000 hits has traditionally been a ticket to the Hall.

"It's one of those days that as a Ranger, you'll forever remember that this is, on the calendar year, Ranger Day," manager Jeff Banister said before the game, referring to Beltre as the "next Hall of Famer."

After the fourth inning, a pre-recorded message from Rodriguez in Cooperstown congratulating Beltre for 3,000 hits was played on the stadium video boards.

"I just think it's amazing," said Jeff Bagwell, who was inducted with Rodriguez. "He's just an amazing baseball player, arguably one of the best third basemen of all time. He can do everything. He plays hurt, he hits for average, he hits for power, drives in runs. He's a great, great player."

The only other current active player in the 3,000-hit club is Miami Marlins outfielder Ichiro Suzuki, who is tied with Hall of Fame player Craig Biggio for 22nd all-time at 3,060 hits.

Beltre is now tied for 30th place on the hits list with Roberto Clemente. Al Kaline (3,007) and Wade Boggs (3,010) are next up on the list.

# Hall of Fame inducts latest class

Associated Press

COOPERSTOWN, New York — "Pudge" Rodriguez stared out at his father, wiping away tears as he spoke.

"I love you with all of my heart," Rodriguez said. "If I'm a Hall of Famer, you're a Hall of Famer — double."

Those words punctuated Rodriguez's speech as he was inducted Sunday into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Jeff Bagwell and Tim Lincecum, along with former commissioner Bud Selig and front-office guru John Schuerholz, also were enshrined on a picture-perfect summer day in front of over 27,000 fans.

"It's always emotional when you see the fans cheering for you, and my whole family in front of me," Bagwell said. "I'm an emotional person. It's a dream just to be part of this beautiful group. Now I have that plaque forever. It's unbelievable."

Before he started, Rodriguez received a standing ovation from hundreds of fans, many wearing red-and-white jerseys with Puerto Rico emblazoned

on the front, and proceeded to give half his speech in Spanish.

"This is such an incredible honor for me," Rodriguez said. "A little kid from Puerto Rico with a big dream. Never let them take your dream away from you."

The 45-year-old Rodriguez holds major league records for games caught (2,427) and putouts by a catcher (12,376). He hit 311 homers and batted .296 in his career. He's also only the second catcher elected on the first ballot, following in the footsteps of his childhood idol, Cincinnati Reds star Johnny Bench, who was seated on the dais behind him.

After speaking in Spanish, Rodriguez went back and repeated in English, concentrating on a message to youth.

"You have the right to dream," he said. "Everything in life is possible. I speak from experience."

Bagwell, who played his entire 15-year career in Houston, took the dais to an extended applause from the Astros fans who made the trip.

The 48-year-old Bagwell, elected in his seventh year on the ballot, is the only first baseman in history with 400 career home runs and 200 stolen bases.

Bagwell ended his career with 449 home runs and from 1996 to 2001 had at least 30 home runs, 100 runs scored and 100 RBIs per season, only the sixth player in major league history to reach those marks in at least six straight years.

Raines was greeted by scores of fans from Canada, many of whom came aboard several buses. He thanked his mom and dad, who were seated in the front row and later focused on Hall of Famer Andre Dawson, his teammate with the Montreal Expos when he first broke into the major leagues.

The 57-year-old Raines, a switch-hitter, batted .294 and had a .385 on-base percentage in his 23-year career, finishing with 2,605 hits, 1,571 runs and 808 stolen bases. His stolen base total is the fifth-highest in major league history and included 70 or more steals in each

season from 1981-86, a streak that stands alone in baseball history. And his 84.7 percent success rate tops the list among players with at least 400 steal attempts.

For Selig, who was celebrating his 83rd birthday, it was a reversal of roles. For 22 years he gave out the Hall of Fame plaques on induction day.

Selig was instrumental in the approval of interleague play, the expansion of the playoffs, splitting each league into three divisions with wild cards, instituting video review and revenue-sharing in an era that saw the construction of 20 new ballparks.

His tenure also included the Steroids Era and the cancellation of the 1994 World Series amid a players' strike.

In 26 years as a GM for the Kansas City Royals and Atlanta Braves, Schuerholz stood alone. His teams won 16 division titles, six pennants and two World Series, one in each league, a first.



## Trades

# Surging Cubs bolster lineup

Associated Press

CHICAGO—The rolling Chicago Cubs got a big lift Monday when they acquired reliever Justin Wilson and catcher Alex Avila in a trade with the Detroit Tigers, bolstering their chance for another long playoff run.

The addition of Wilson gives manager Joe Maddon another late-inning option in front of All-Star closer Wade Davis. The World Series champions had been searching for a veteran to back up catcher Willson Contreras since they cut Miguel Montero a month ago, and Avila is having one of the best seasons of his career at the plate.

The Tigers received minor league infielders Jeimer Candelario and Isaac Paredes and a player to be named or cash consideration. The 23-year-old Candelario was one of Chicago's top prospects, but was blocked at the major league level by NL MVP Kris Bryant and first baseman Anthony Rizzo.

In other MLB trade news:

■ The playoff-contending Colorado Rockies acquired catcher Jonathan Lucroy from the Texas Rangers on Sunday night for a player to be named.

The deal was announced while the Rockies were playing the second game of a day-night doubleheader against Washington. Colorado had a solid lead for an NL wild-card spot.

Monday was the deadline for teams to make trades without waivers.

Lucroy hit .242 with four home runs and 27 RBIs in 77 games with Texas this year. While he made 65 starts at catcher, the Rangers also have Robinson Chirinos and Brett Nicholas on their roster.

The 31-year-old Lucroy, a two-time All-Star with the Brewers, hit .276 with 11 homers and 31 RBIs in his 47 games at the end of last season with the Rangers, who won the AL West title.

Lucroy has thrown out 13 of 44 would-be base stealers this year. He has caught a major league-most 159 runners trying to steal since 2011.

## Roundup

# Farmer lifts Dodgers in debut

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In a season already filled with so many stirring comebacks, the Los Angeles Dodgers managed to add one that might be their best so far.

Kyle Farmer's two-run double in the 11th inning in his first major league at-bat lifted the Dodgers to their eighth straight win, 3-2 over the San Francisco Giants on Sunday night. Los Angeles players and coaches stormed the field in an unbridled celebration to congratulate the rookie.

"For his family to be here, to have the field stormed by his teammates, coaches, manager, it was something so special," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "I think our players felt his excitement."

Corey Seager doubled down the right-field line with one out in the 11th for his third hit of the game and Justin Turner was walked intentionally. Farmer then lined a 3-2 pitch from Luis Suarez (0-1) down the right-field line, scoring Seager and Turner just ahead of the throw home for the Dodgers' ninth walk-off victory and 31st comeback win.

"I was just hoping get a good pitch to hit," said Farmer, who had his father, mother, sister, fiancée and his best friend in the stands all the way to the end. "Watching these guys hit the past three games I've learned a lot. It's fun to watch them. I was just trying to put something in the air, hopefully, down the line. I did, just got lucky with a good swing."

Despite joining the team just three days earlier, Farmer has quickly become a clubhouse favorite.

"He's such a good man. The guys were pulling for him," Roberts said. "For him to be in that spot, we all love moments. Kyle's going to remember that moment for a long time, forever."

The Dodgers won for the 39th time in 45 games, and completed their 14th sweep this season. Los Angeles turned a franchise-record six double plays as it im-

proved to 26-3 at home since June 7 and is now 74-31 overall, 4½ games ahead of the Houston Astros for the best record in baseball.

Joe Panik had given the Giants a 2-1 lead in the top of the inning as he muscled the first pitch from reliever Luis Avilan through a drawn-in infield for a single into shallow center field that scored Kelby Tomlinson from third. Tomlinson had reached third after leading off the 11th with a single to center off reliever Brandon Morrow. He then stole second and took third on Denard Span's ground-er to second.

Pedro Baez (3-1) got the last two outs in the top of the 11th to pick up the win.

"Everything is going right for them," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "Just the opposite from us."

**Cubs 4, Brewers 2:** Victor Caratini hit his first career home run, a solo shot that broke a tie in the seventh and backed John Lackey's solid six-inning start to help visiting Chicago beat Milwaukee.

The Cubs took two of three games in an important series at Miller Park. With the non-waiver trade deadline looming Monday, the Cubs increased their lead in the National League Central over the second-place Brewers to 2½ games.

**Tigers 13, Astros 1:** Justin Verlander pitched six scoreless innings in what could be his last start with host Detroit.

In his last start before Monday's trade deadline, Verlander (6-7) gave up five singles and three walks while striking out six.

The subject of trade rumors since last winter, Verlander received a long standing ovation from the crowd of 31,970 when he walked off the mound after the sixth inning.

**Mariners 9, Mets 1:** James Paxton tossed six scoreless innings, becoming the first Mariners pitcher to win six games in a single month, and Nelson Cruz had a three-run homer to

pace host Seattle.

**Pirates 7, Padres 1:** Andrew McCutchen hit three home runs for the third time in his career to lift visiting Pittsburgh over San Diego.

**Rays 5, Yankees 3:** Corey Dickerson hit a go-ahead, two-run single in a three-run third, and Tampa Bay's bullpen allowed one hit in five scoreless innings to salvage the finale of a four-game series in New York.

**Royals 5, Red Sox 3:** Alex Gordon's two-run triple capped a four-run eighth inning, and visiting Kansas City rallied to beat Boston a day after its season-high, nine-game winning streak was snapped.

**Blue Jays 11, Angels 10:** Steve Pearce hit his second game-ending grand slam in just four days, and host Toronto pulled off the biggest ninth-inning comeback in team history, rallying for seven runs to beat Los Angeles.

**White Sox 3, Indians 1:** Matt Davidson hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning, and host Chicago ended Cleveland's nine-game winning streak.

**Cardinals 3, Diamondbacks 2:** Lance Lynn threw six strong innings and Jose Martinez homered and drove in three runs as host St. Louis beat Arizona for its fifth win in seven games.

**Reds 6, Marlins 4:** Rookie Luis Castillo pitched a career-best eight innings, Tucker Barnhart drove in three runs and visiting Cincinnati ended a six-game skid.

**Phillies 2, Braves 1:** Freddy Galvis hit a bases-loaded single to right field in the ninth inning to give host Philadelphia its second straight walk-off win.

**Rockies 10-1, Nationals 6-3:** Adam Lind and Brian Goodwin homered in the fifth inning, and host Washington beat Colorado to split a day-night doubleheader.

**Athletics 6, Twins 5 (12):** Yonder Alonso homered in the bottom of the 12th inning to lift the host Oakland over Minnesota.



## NASCAR

# Busch halts winless season

Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Kyle Busch watched the number of laps he's led this season tick, tick, tick as it crossed 1,000, and he only really cared about the lap he hadn't led: the last one.

"We've had speed. We've been right there," Busch said. "We've been able to do what we should be doing and that's running up front."

For all that time up front, Busch also had the longest losing streak of his career, a rare recession over his time building a resume even NASCAR Hall of Famers would envy, with the 2015 Cup championship, 176 wins over three series and an elite ride for Joe Gibbs Racing.

He can add two more feats to the list — 13 straight years with a Cup win and his first checkered flag at Pocono.

Busch used a bump-and-run on Kevin Harvick to take the lead with 16 laps left and held on to snap a 36-race losing streak and win the NASCAR Cup race at Pocono Raceway on Sunday.

"I never thought this day would happen," Busch said.

Busch won from the pole and gave Toyota its 100th Cup win since its 2007 debut. Busch had Toyota's first Cup win in March 2008 at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Busch had never gone a full season without winning a race. Charlotte Motor Speedway is now the only track where he's failed to win a Cup points race.

"I wasn't sure which one was going to be last," he said.

Busch had seven top-five finishes this season and was runner-up to Austin Dillon in the Coca-

Cola 600 at Charlotte. All the near misses have gnawed at Busch, who won the All-Star race — at Charlotte. But the exhibition race doesn't count in the season standings and Busch was in a victory slump that dated to the 2016 Brickyard 400.

He was racing for the lead last weekend in the Brickyard 400 when he wrecked with Martin Truex Jr., which led to a pit road altercation between members of both teams.

He also won his 176th career NASCAR race over the Cup (39), Xfinity (89) and Truck (48) series.

"We've all been fighting all year long and just wasn't sure why," Busch said. "This is something I've been waiting for for a long, long time. It's been a frustrating year but an awesome day today."

Harvick finished second, followed by Truex, Denny Hamlin and Brad Keselowski. Harvick, who hasn't won in 34 career races at Pocono, said he had nothing for Busch down the stretch.

"There was no battle. He was way faster than we were," Harvick said.

Crew chief Adam Stevens made the right calls a week after his confrontation on pit road with members of Truex's team. JGR suspended two of Truex's tire changers because of the profane outburst at the Brickyard. JGR provides the pit crew for Furniture Row Racing as part of a technical alliance, giving them the authority to suspend members of the FRR team.

Busch earned a spot in NASCAR's playoffs, a significant victory that left just three open spots with five races left before the 16-driver field is set.

## Golf roundup

# Vegas repeats as Canadian Open winner

Associated Press

OAKVILLE, Ontario — Jhonattan Vegas successfully defended his RBC Canadian Open title Sunday at Glen Abbey, beating Charley Hoffman with a birdie on the first hole of a playoff.

Vegas' approach from the left bunker on the par-5 18th hit the grass just above the sand lip and still had enough power to clear the water and go through the green.

"When I heard the clip, because obviously I didn't see it, I knew that it was probably going to go in the water, because I didn't know exactly how hard it hit it," Vegas said. "But then when I saw the ball in the air, it was still going really hard and forward."

The 32-year-old Venezuelan chipped to a foot — after racing a chip past the hole in regulation from the same area en route to a par — and won when Hoffman's birdie try from the back bunker slid past the hole.

"It's been a special day," Vegas said. "I knew that I had to shoot a good round today to have a chance to win again. I just came out with an aggressive mentality, just feeling really good about my game."

Vegas closed with a 7-under 65 to match Hoffman at 21-under 267.

In other golf news:

■ Mi Hyang Lee took advantage of Hall of Famer Karrie Webb's late double bogey to win the Ladies Scottish Open on Sunday for her second LPGA Tour title.

A stroke ahead of Lee with two holes left at chilly Dundonald Links, Webb dropped a shot back with the double bogey on the par-5 17th after driving into a bunker and having to play out backward.

Lee, playing in the group ahead of Webb, increased the margin to two with a birdie on the par-5 18th. Needing an eagle to force a playoff, Webb closed with a birdie to tie for second with Mi Jung Hur.

## IndyCar

# Newgarden dominates at Mid-Ohio

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ohio — Josef Newgarden knew he had a good car and didn't waste time showing it.

Newgarden dominated at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course to win the Honda Indy 200 on Sunday for his second straight IndyCar victory. He moved from fourth to first in the series points standings, seven points ahead of Helio Castroneves.

Newgarden led 73 of the 90 laps on the 2.258-mile course to finish 5.156 seconds ahead of Team Penske teammate and pole-sitter Will Power. He also won at Toronto on July 16 and

has six career wins, three this season.

"We had an awesome race. It's what we needed," Newgarden said. "This was a good day for Team Penske."

Newgarden showed his intentions early when he made an inside pass on Power on the 14th lap. Local favorite Graham Rahal took a temporary lead when Newgarden pitted on lap 41, but when Rahal went in the next time around, Newgarden went to the front.

"I felt like we were a little bit stronger (than Will) at the start," Newgarden said. "Will struggled a little bit more than

me. I didn't want to wait until the pits. I felt it was time. He gave me race room, which a good teammate does."

By lap 50, the Tennessee native had extended his lead over Power to 6.5 seconds.

"We didn't have the machine to stay with him today," Power said. "It wasn't my race today. I'm very happy with second."

Rahal couldn't get around last-place Carlos Munoz for more than a dozen laps and lost contact with Power. The 2015 winner finished third for Rahal Letterman racing. Last year's champion, Simon Pagenaud (Team Penske), was fourth.