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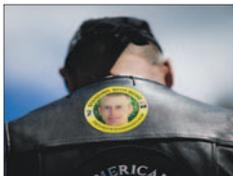
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Sgt. Ryan Poulter, foreground, and Staff Sgt. Anthony Fuentes, back, rest while scaling a mountainside in Afghanistan's Asmar district, Kunar province, in 2012. The soldiers, members of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, were involved in numerous firefights and a major battle that lasted for days atop Stal Mountain, about five miles up the Kunar River Valley behind them, in October 2011.

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With Navy strained, civilian mariners help meet needs

By STEVEN BEARDSLEY
Stars and Stripes

ABOARD THE USNS SPEARHEAD — Greg Shergur is a radio technician aboard this Navy catamaran, but that's just one of his jobs. The 35-year-old father of two from Virginia works flight operations when needed, and he sometimes mans mooring lines when the ship pulls into port.

The flexibility of civilian mariners such as Shergur is one reason the Navy has handed over so much of its workload to the Military Sealift Command during the past 65 years, freeing up sailors to man destroyers, aircraft carriers and other warships. The command is now poised for a great-

er role as the Navy balances growing demand from combatant commanders with fewer warships and a large number of unfilled sea billets.

Civilians now work within military crews on warships in the Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf. Contractors hired by MSC will man a 630-foot cargo ship being modified as a floating base for special operators. And with fewer amphibious ships being built, civilian crews on new MSC vessels like this one are expected to work more directly with Marines and sailors. Some of the new vessels could even be designated as warships, depending on their missions.

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Sailors and civilian mariners with the Navy catamaran USNS Spearhead unload a cargo container in Lagos, Nigeria, in April.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I worried every day that I might make an error that cost American lives. But our code was the only code in modern warfare that was never broken."

— Chester Nez, the last of the original 29 Navajo code talkers, who died Wednesday at age 93

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Commemorating D-Day

Re-enactors attend a military vehicle parade and pose with World War II vehicles in Grandcamp-Maisy, France, on Saturday as part of D-Day commemorations. World leaders and veterans gathered by the beaches of Normandy to mark the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

Normandy invasion challenges, heroics

BY ROBERT H. REID
Stars and Stripes

Five facts you may not know about the Normandy invasion: **■Bloody A Company:** For most of the men of A Company, 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry, Normandy was their first taste of combat. For many of them, it would be their last. Four companies of the regiment, from the Virginia National Guard, were tapped for the first wave at Omaha Beach. A Company was tasked with seizing the road leading from the beach to the French town of Vierville a few miles inland. Even before the first landing craft hit the beach, things began going wrong. Strong current left many soldiers seasick and disoriented. U.S. bombers that were supposed to soften up coastal defenses had missed their targets because of thick clouds, leaving German gunners unscathed and ready to spray the beach with intense machine-gun, mortar and artillery fire. A Company hit the beach in Dog Green Sector at about 6:35 a.m., met by withering German fire. Within 15 minutes, all the company's officers and most of the NCOs were dead. More than 60 percent of A Company were killed or wounded. **■Veteran joins the fight:** Many

of the soldiers who landed at Normandy were new to combat when they hit the beaches. But one combatant had already been in the war since day one. The USS Nevada was docked at Battleship Row at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked on Dec. 7, 1941. The USS Nevada was struck by one torpedo and six aerial bombs, suffering 60 dead and 109 wounded. Nevertheless, her crew ran the ship aground to prevent the Japanese from sinking her. The vessel was refloated, refitted at Puget Sound, Wash., and sent to the European Theater. On D-Day, the USS Nevada fired on German positions in support of the Normandy landings and later returned to the Pacific in time for the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Following the war, the USS Nevada was decommissioned after 30 years in the fleet and was scuttled in the Pacific in 1948.

■Old Man and the beach: The oldest American soldier who came ashore at D-Day didn't have to be there. He was 56 years old, suffered from arthritis and heart trouble and had been relieved once in a dispute with Gen. George Patton. He was also the son of a president of the United States. However, Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., then on the staff of the 4th Infantry Division, begged the division com-

mander for permission to join the assault on Utah Beach, even appealing to his distant cousin, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who approved the request. Brig. Gen. Roosevelt landed at Utah with the first wave, personally changing the plan of attack under fire after German resistance proved stronger than expected. Nearly a month later, Roosevelt was awarded the Medal of Honor and recommended for promotion to major general. When Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower phoned to give him the news, he was told that Roosevelt had died of a heart attack the night before on July 12, 1944. He was buried with his comrades at the U.S. cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, Normandy.

■The first to die? Among the first American officers killed in the D-Day landings was mortally wounded even before he could join the fight. At 2 a.m. on June 6, 1st Lt. Robert Mathias was standing in the door of a C-47 preparing to jump with his platoon from the 82nd Airborne Division's E Company, 508th Parachute Regiment. Suddenly, German ground fire

ripped through the aircraft, striking Mathias and knocking him to the floor. As the door light turned green, signaling time to jump, survivors said Mathias picked his bloodied body off the floor, shouted "Let's Go," and sprang from the aircraft. His lifeless body was found on the ground, still hooked to his chute.

■Not all the problems were from the Germans: As if the Germans weren't enough of a threat, American paratroopers at D-Day had to contend with their own equipment. American paratroopers were equipped with buckles to release the gear once paratroopers hit the ground. It took so long to unhook the buckle, especially in the dark, in swampy ground and under fire, that a significant number of paratroopers were killed by Germans as they tried to wrestle out of their chutes. After the landings, the U.S. switched to quick-release buckles used by British airborne forces and which are in use today. After-action reports complained that the 75 pounds of gear carried by assault troops including ammunition, rations, heating units and even French language phrase books — proved too bulky and reduced mobility, especially for soldiers trying to wedge ashore under fire.

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Rival parties seize Bergdahl case as partisan flashpoint

By DONNA CASSATA
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans and Democrats who initially praised the release of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl after his five years in captivity quickly scrubbed their welcoming tweets amid questions about whether the Army soldier was a deserter and an outcry over the exchange of five Taliban officials for his freedom.

On the defensive, Democrats hammered GOP lawmakers with their own words from just a few weeks ago pleading with the Obama administration to do all it can to return Bergdahl home to his family.

The swap stands as a political flashpoint on Capitol Hill that shows no sign of abating, with Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel certain to face tough questions Wednesday at a high-profile House Armed Services Committee hearing. Closed-door sessions pitting lawmakers against Obama administration officials also are planned next week.

The Bergdahl case offers none of the clarity of a celebratory homecoming for a freed military captive that rallies Americans of all political persuasions. In its place are the murky circumstances of Bergdahl's June 2009 departure from his outpost and President Barack Obama's move

to send five enemy combatants to Qatar after they spent more than a decade in the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, prison.

The Washington backdrop is highly partisan, with an ongoing investigation into the deadly 2012 attack in Benghazi, Libya, midterm elections in less than five months and Republicans certain that a roughed-up Obama is critical to their political success.

Caution is clearly the watchword for some politicians in advance of primaries and elections.

Rep. Jim Renacci of Ohio and Sen. Thad Cochran of Mississippi, both Republicans, deleted tweets that had expressed joy over Bergdahl's release, as did Iowa GOP Senate candidate Joni Ernst.

"People in Idaho are glad that he's been released and home. The other factors surrounding this matter will come out as time goes on, and we'll leave it at that," said Idaho Republican Sen. Jim Risch.

Republicans have pounded the administration for exchanging Bergdahl for the five Taliban commanders, warning that they will return to the fight against the United States, something an intelligence official acknowledged is likely to lawmakers last week.

In an interview Friday with "NBC Nightly News," Obama acknowledged that some Guantanamo detainees who have been

released in the past have returned to the fight. And he cautioned that as the war in Afghanistan winds down more detainees may have to be let go.

Democrats quickly accused the GOP of doing an about-face on their pleas for Bergdahl's release and made clear the military's support for the swap will be a major element of their push-back.

"You put on the uniform of this country, we're going to do everything to get you," Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Armed Services Committee, told reporters last week. "Read the Republican statements. Read the resolutions they introduced about trying to get Bergdahl back. ... What happened to that? I think even (Sen. John) McCain was on television saying that he was open to the possibility of a swap a couple of months ago."

In a February interview with CNN, McCain said he would support a swap of the five Taliban commanders for Bergdahl contingent on the details. Within hours of word of the exchange last weekend, McCain criticized the deal as a mistake that would put American lives in danger.

McCain's office insisted that there was no contradiction and faulted the White House, saying that as it struggled to defend the deal, it was discrediting its critics.



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Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., is surrounded by reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington on Wednesday. Levin has defended President Barack Obama's decision to swap five members of the Taliban for Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl as Senate Republicans complain about the exchange

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., highlighted several other instances of Republicans pressing for Bergdahl's release, and complained that they were now trying to score political points.

In April, Pennsylvania's two senators — Republican Pat Toomey and Democrat Bob Casey — joined with Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky in introducing a resolution saying

"the United States should leave no member of the Armed Forces unaccounted for during the draw-

down of forces in Afghanistan."

Last month, Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., added a provision to the Armed Services Committee's defense policy bill pressuring Pakistan to fully cooperate in the search for Bergdahl.

Ayotte has been a strong supporter of keeping Guantanamo open and was highly critical of the exchange involving the Taliban officials. Republicans critical of the swap see their earlier efforts pressing for Bergdahl's release as mutually exclusive from what they consider Obama's bad deal.

Handover proves successful deals with Taliban possible

By ANNE GEARAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The exchange of Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl for five senior members of the Afghan Taliban marks the anticlimactic end of what the Obama administration had once hoped would be a bold diplomatic stroke to help broker peace in Afghanistan.

Bergdahl's return is not, as originally envisioned, a step toward a larger U.S. bargain with the Taliban and the Afghan government. Instead, Bergdahl's release represented the last major piece of unfinished Taliban business for the United States, as it winds down 13 years of combat and prepares for the departure of all U.S. fighting forces from Afghanistan by the end of this year.

But the successful handover does prove that deals can be made and that the United States has a channel for negotiation that the next Afghan president might be able to use, said current and former U.S. officials and people familiar with a classified briefing to Congress on the Bergdahl swap.

The hope is that either of the two candidates vying to succeed Hamid Karzai as Afghanistan's leader could build on the established contacts to seek political reconciliation with the Taliban. The United States could play a role in fostering or facilitating talks but would have little or no direct stake, U.S. officials said.

"For a long time, it was hoped that the detainee exchange would be accompanied by several other steps," including a Tal-



VOICE OF JIHAD WEBSITE VIA AP VIDEO/AF

Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl sits in a vehicle guarded by the Taliban in eastern Afghanistan, just before his release to U.S. forces on May 31.

iban break with al-Qaida and the opening of direct contacts between the Afghan government and the insurgents, a senior State Department official said Friday.

"That proved impossible to arrange for a variety of different reasons and within this time frame, so we didn't achieve as much as we would have liked," the official said. "But neither is it nothing. We have created precedent and a basis that might well provide an opening in the future."

Current and former officials requested anonymity because they were not author-

ized to discuss the secret talks; elements of the negotiation with the Taliban remain classified.

A presidential runoff vote will be held June 14, and the new Afghan leader is scheduled to take over in August. Both candidates have indicated support for the principle of political talks and eventual reconciliation with the Taliban insurgency, but there are no timelines or specific proposals on the table.

The Taliban is expected to fight as usual during the summer months this year and

follow its pattern of retreating from heavy fighting in the coming winter. Next spring, after the election of a new president and the departure of international combat forces, the Taliban will confront a different military and political landscape, the senior State Department official said.

But it's an open question whether that landscape will be different enough to prompt the Taliban to want to bargain with the government in Kabul.

The U.S. negotiations, dating to 2011, demonstrate that relative moderates within the Taliban movement not only exist but also have sufficient influence to make and execute a complicated deal, several officials said.

Although the Obama administration had been fairly confident that it had what one official called "the right address," it had never been tested for anything approaching the importance of a prisoner handover.

The Taliban representatives, one official said, had to be able to sell the deal within the organization and then ensure that it did not fall apart.

The terms of the deal represented a leap of faith for the Taliban, because the United States insisted that Bergdahl be returned to U.S. custody before the order was given to release the five prisoners from the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

"They also had to trust us not to walk away" with Bergdahl and leave the Taliban hanging, the senior State Department official said. Both sides also had to run the risk that the handover was a trap to kill emissaries from the other side.

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Mainers: MSC often toes fine line between civilian, active-duty troops

FROM FRONT PAGE

"I see the 'M' in Military Sealift Command growing," Rear Adm. T.K. Shannon, commander of MSC, said in a recent interview. "And when I say the 'M,' I don't mean doubling the number of active-duty naval officers on our staff. I see the type of work we are involved in growing in that military element."

The trend echoes the growing role of civilians and contractors in other services and raises legal and ethical questions about their distinction from active-duty troops. It is already shifting the civilian mariner culture, some say.

"It is definitely changing," said Salvatore R. Mercogliano, a professor of history at North Carolina's Campbell University and an author of a book about civilian mariners in the Navy. "Because one of the things that had kind of been a trademark for MSC is to make sure there's been kind of a clear delineation between military and civilian."

That line has often blurred in the past. Civilian mariners augmented naval forces in both world wars and have often been targeted by enemies. Yet the decades after Vietnam saw an expansion of the civilian mariner role from mere materiel and troop movement into professional fleet support. More than 9,500 MSC civilian mariners now operate on roughly 110 ships around the globe, ranging from small tugboats to cargo vessels and a pair of 900-foot-long hospital ships.

Cost savings have been a driver of the transformation. Civilian mariners can work longer days — unlike sailors, they receive overtime — and spend longer durations at sea. Their crews are more efficient, and much smaller, than military crews.

"There's an economic side to it. There's an experience side to it," said Mercogliano.

The nature of recent U.S. operations has also played to the command's strengths. While international law prohibits auxiliaries from participating in conflict with state forces, and MSC ships aren't designed for warfare, the Pentagon has tapped civilian-crewed vessels for missions related to counterterrorism or piracy. The USNS Stockham, a roll-on, roll-off pre-positioning vessel, has anchored off the Philippines as part of a special operations task force. The USNS Lewis and Clark held captured Somali pirates on board in 2009.

These missions have fueled anticipation for new entries into the fleet. The Navy is building three Mobile Landing Platforms, a ship designed as a cargo transfer point at sea and capable of holding amphibious landing craft and embarking Marine units. Two pur-



PHOTOS BY STEVEN BEARDSLEY/Stars and Stripes

Sailors and civilian mariners with the Navy catamaran USNS Spearhead unload a cargo container of provisions before pushing off from Lagos, Nigeria, on April 17.



Left: USNS Spearhead 3rd Mate Dustin Mailloux, center, works with fellow civilian mariner Jack Karg, left, and Petty Officer 1st Class Joshua Edwards to moor the Navy catamaran into port in Libreville, Gabon.



Right: Ervin Cummings, a civilian mariner, prepares lunch for the civilian crew and embarked military detachment on the USNS Spearhead.

pose-built Afloat Forward Staging Bases will follow the example of the USS Ponce, an old amphibious landing dock staged in the Persian Gulf and used for everything from surveillance to special operations and training. The MSC is meanwhile refitting former cargo ship MV Cragside as a base for special operators.

The Spearhead, the first of 10 Joint High Speed vessels designed for cargo and troop movement, is being tested to ferry small Marine units rapidly ashore and to work with allied navies or to interdict vessels in places where warships are available only intermittently.

There are more of those regions today. Heavy demand for warships in the Pacific is making it difficult for Navy commanders who need U.S. presence without big guns. They hope ships such as the JHSV and the littoral combat ship, a

small surface combatant, can fill the gap in waters around Europe, Africa and South America.

Enthusiasm for the sealift command comes at the expense of amphibious vessels, which have gone largely unfunded over the past decade. Shannon promotes the ability of the new ship class for supporting amphibious operations, an idea the Marine Corps tacitly embraced in a March strategy document.

"We are not out to replace, for example, amphibious warfare," Shannon said. "We have a fantastic amphibious warfare capability within our Navy. But these new classes of ship under construction ... are going to be involved in operations that lean towards the littoral environment where amphibious warfare takes place."

The proximity of civilian mariners to those operations raises legal questions, Shannon acknowledges. The Navy's placement of "hybrid" civilian-military crews in warships beginning in 2003 has already put civilian mariners off the coast of enemy nations during military operations. The USS

Mount Whitney, an amphibious command ship and one of four warships with hybrid crews, controlled much of the NATO bombing operation in Libya in 2011. The Ponce, meanwhile, operates not far from territorial waters for Iran. The new ships entering command's fleet could also be designated as warships, depending on their missions, MSC spokesman Tom VanLeunen said.

International law protects civilians and contractors who support operations without participating in them, a distinction subject to much debate over the past decade. Pete Pedrozo, a professor of international law at the Naval War College, says the difference at sea is one of operating a ship versus running a weapons system or making tactical decisions.

"Clearly things like command and control decision-making would be direct participation," Pedrozo said. "Providing targeting data would clearly be direct participation."

Some groups may not bother to make that distinction, said Mercogliano. The 2009 confrontation be-

tween Chinese ships in the South China Sea and the USNS Impeccable, an ocean surveillance vessel operated by MSC, showed how even a noncombat mission could turn dangerous. Crewmembers of the Impeccable turned a fire hose against one of the vessels when it came too close and barely escaped a collision as they tried to leave. China considers the region, near Hainan, off-limits to such missions.

For the Spearhead's recent deployment, a crew of 25 civilian mariners led by a master operated the ship while a military detachment of about 50 sailors led by a Reserve captain performed its own operations, from standing watch on the deck to running radios and hosting exercises. Civilians and sailors often joined to moor the ship, and they ate together in the mess hall.

Shergur, the radio technician, is a pony-tailed former sailor who found MSC after leaving the Navy. Working with sailors is nothing new for him, he said.

"Because I know their lingo, I know their talk, I get along with them fine," he said.

More mariners are arriving at MSC with Navy backgrounds, Mercogliano said. The command is requiring more certifications for mariners working on the newer vessels like Spearhead, and it is creating a new position on the bridge with former chief petty officers in mind, Shannon said.

In a way, the command's return to a closer military-civilian relationship is a reminder of its roots. Civilian mariners worked much more closely with troops in both world wars and Vietnam, and many have been killed.

"We may see them as quote-unquote civilian ships," he said. "The problem is the military doesn't see them as civilian ships."

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I see the 'M' in Military Sealift Command growing.

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commander of Military Sealift Command

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More than 50 die in Afghanistan flooding

By RAHIM FAIEZ
The Associated Press

KABUL — Flooding in a remote part of northern Afghanistan has claimed more than 50 lives and has forced thousands to flee their homes, a provincial official said Saturday.

It was the latest in a string of deadly flash floods, landslides and avalanches in Afghanistan's rugged northern mountains, where roads are poor and many villages are virtually cut off from the rest of the country.

L. Fazel Rahman, the police

chief in the Guzriga i-Nur district of the northeastern Baghlan province, said 54 bodies have been recovered, including the remains of women and children, but many others are still missing. He said the dead toll could climb to 100 and called for emergency assistance from the central government.

"So far, no one has come to help us. People are trying to find their missing family members," Rahman said, adding that the district's police force was overstretched by the scale of the disaster.

Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi,

spokesman for the Afghan Defense Ministry, said two military helicopters have been sent to the area to provide assistance.

The Afghanistan Natural Disaster Management Authority has stockpiles of food and other supplies in Baghlan province and has started the process of shipping them to the affected area, said Mohammad Aslim Sayas, deputy director of the agency.

He said a delegation has been sent to the affected villages to assess needs.

Guzriga i-Nur district is located

more than 85 miles north of the provincial capital Puli Khumri.

Jawed Basharar, the spokesman for the Baghlan provincial police, said they were aware of the flooding, but that it would take eight to nine hours for them to reach the area by road.

Afghans living in the northern mountains largely have been spared from the country's decades of war, but are no strangers to natural disasters.

Last month, a landslide triggered by heavy rain buried large sections of a remote northeastern

village in the Badakhshan province bordering China, displacing some 700 families. Authorities have yet to provide an exact figure on the number of dead from the May 2 landslide, and estimates have ranged from 250 to 2,700. Officials say it will be impossible to dig up all the bodies.

A landslide in Baghlan province in 2012 killed 71 people. After days of digging unearthed only five bodies, authorities decided to halt the recovery effort and turn the area into a memorial for the dead.

Afghan female soccer players seeing slow, steady gains

By RAHIM FAIEZ
The Associated Press

KABUL — In a nation where most women remain second-class citizens, many cloaked from head-to-toe in burkas, one group has broken down formidable barriers by forming an Afghanistan women's soccer league.

The standards of the grounds, and the play, may fall short of world class, but the delight at breaking the shackles of the conservative society is clear to see. So too is the determination to become the new face of Afghan women, gaining dignity for themselves and other women in their war-torn country while also improving their image worldwide.

The competitors in the Kabul league do have to make some concessions to the conservative protocols of the society, wearing head scarves and also covering their legs, yet even those accommodations have done little to reduce the disapproval and even ostracism they face for entering what is regarded as a male preserve.

The sport is very popular in Afghanistan, even if it is rare to find more than rudimentary facilities anywhere outside the capital. Even rarer is the sight and sound of women on the pitch.

But at a recent semifinal match of the Kabul Women's Premier League at the Football Federation Stadium, the shouts of encouragement and joy were unmistakably



RAHIM GUL/AP

Afghan female soccer players vie for the ball during practice June 2 in Kabul to prepare for Afghanistan's first female premier league.

female and were not dampened by the heavy rain, even if the stands were largely empty.

"It is disappointing, but we are grateful to have it," Afghan Club player Nadia Derweshi said of the meager attendance at the league semifinal game that her team won 4-0.

Derweshi started playing soccer eight years ago and is a goalkeeper for the female national team.

Hajar Abulfazl, 22, a national team player, said it will take the passing of generations for Afghan society to accept girls and women playing soccer, yet she is optimistic about the future and the progress of her teammates.

"It is very difficult to convince families to accept and let their daughters to join in a football team," said Abulfazl, who herself experienced doubts and resistance from many when she took

up sports, but was thankful for the support of her parents.

Abulfazl, who is also director of Afghanistan's female soccer committee, said that at least 22 female teams are registered, so far only in Kabul, but in other more conservative rural provinces, there was little progress.

The Afghan football federation women's committee was established only in 2004. During the early years, the committee started by picking soccer fans from local schools, and initially it was difficult to find girls and young women who were willing and able to take what was the relatively risky and fraught step of joining an organized league.

When the committee was first established, the only members were seven sports trainers from local schools around Kabul. Now the committee's website says there are nearly 1,000 participants.

Mohammad Yousef Kargar, the coach of Afghanistan's national men's team in two stints up until the start of this year, said the medium-term goal for the women's team is participation in the South Asian Games, though he recognizes the impediments.

"In a conservative country like Afghanistan, there are many limitations when it comes about women," Kargar said. "It is not easy to implement all plans or programs."

"Having so many budgeting problems, still we have had great success in Kabul, but unfortunately, in many provinces we don't have female football teams, in a number of provinces we don't have football grounds for females to improve their skills — they can't go and play football where men are going there."

"I can say that, with having so many problems, we have had many successes and achievements in the female football committee, but still there is a long way to go."



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An Afghan female goalie dives to stop a shot during a practice session June 1 in Kabul.

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'A hell of a warrior'

By LISA TOURTELLO
Stars and Stripes

ICAMP FOSTER, Okinawa
In the dim red light of an MV-22 Osprey, Sgt. Brady Cervantes looked at Cpl. Brandon Moore, one of his team leaders, as the aircraft flew over southwest Afghanistan. The inside of any military rotary wing aircraft is too loud for voices to be heard, so Cervantes nudged Moore and mouthed, "You ready?"

Moore nodded and responded with a "rock on" sign. His actions over the next six days in Operation JAWS 5 would earn him a Bronze Star with "V" device for valor. Hospitalman Zack Penner, the team's corpsman, would be awarded a Silver Star.

It was late June 2012, and Marines from 1st Battalion, 8th Marines and 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, had been tasked to support the operation, just weeks before they were scheduled to leave the country.

After landing at the compound in Helmand province, the Marines dug in. Moving in for a mission like theirs — clearing an area of IEDs and insurgents — involves setting up communications and establishing fighting positions around the walls.

Cervantes, a squad leader with 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, was digging a "murder hole" in one wall. Lance Cpl. Eugene "Gino" Mills stood straight up on the wall, looking out into the distance.

"It'll be a cold day in hell, Taliban," Mills declared to the Afghan countryside. Mills was ready for a fight. Cervantes yelled at him to get down and they continued their normal preparations.

Fifteen minutes later, they began taking fire.

"We were getting reports that the main threat was IEDs," Cervantes said. IEDs were the least of their problems. Enemy fighters continued taking shots at the Marines throughout the day on June 22, 2012.

Then Mills was shot. "We just saw him go down, drop to his hands and knees," Cervantes said.

It was Mills who brought the team together to watch episodes of "Jersey Shore" on his portable DVD player every night.

Mills, who "could cheer everyone up without even trying," Cervantes remembered.

Cervantes was quiet for a moment: "You never get used to seeing someone get hit, no matter how many times you see it."

Hospitalman Zack Penner, the team's corpsman, rushed to the wounded Marine's aid on an exposed rooftop, without his protective gear. Cervantes was outside the compound, coordi-



Cpl. Brandon K. Moore

Bronze Star with "V"



Hospitalman
Zackery Penner

Silver Star

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Helmand province, Afghanistan

inating Mills' evacuation. Moore took control of the roof, leading his Marines to defend against the enemy fire.

Once the medical evacuation helicopter left, the fire died down, Cervantes said. The enemy had done enough damage for one day. "But we still have five days here," Cervantes recalled telling Moore. "We need to make sure that we keep them focused."

Cervantes said later that he knew the Marines would be all right because Moore was with them.

Sniper fire

The next day brought a new challenge: Cervantes was struck with dysentery and could not lead his team on patrol. Moore led the patrol.

Moore is soft-spoken, but was quieter than usual during his interview with Stars and Stripes. He didn't look up as he talked about Operation JAWS 5. He didn't want to talk about it.

They lost contact with their unnamed base about 500 meters into his patrol.

"It went downhill from there," Moore said.

About an hour and a half into the patrol, Cervantes said he heard shots. Three snipers had started firing on the patrol.

"It's not like you see in the movies, with everybody barking orders," Moore said. "We had trained together and been together so much that everyone knew what the other one was going to do. As soon as it happened, we just jumped over the wall and started returning fire. I didn't have to lead the squad. They did it on their own."

This time, Lance Cpl. Hunter



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H1M3 Zackery Penner, a corpsman with Naval Hospital Pensacola, was awarded the Silver Star on March 19 for actions while serving in Afghanistan in summer 2012. Maj. Gen. Raymond Fox, commanding general, II Marine Expeditionary Force, presented the medal to Penner at the hospital.



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Cpl. Brandon K. Moore, right, receives the Bronze Star with "V" device from Maj. Gen. H. Stacy Clardy III on March 14 at Camp Schwab, Okinawa. "Moore was given the opportunity to lead his squad," said Clardy. "He stepped up and got it done."

Hogan was hit, along with an Afghan soldier. Moore ran back to the compound to establish communication, then coordinated the evacuation of the wounded. With a working radio in hand, Moore returned to Penner, who was tending to the critically injured men.

According to Penner's Silver Star citation, he "unhesitatingly ran more than 100 meters across fire-swept terrain to reach the casualties. ... When the squad began receiving fire from the rear, Penner courageously shielded the casualties from the enemy fire with his own body until the

into firefights. We did what we had to as grunts: close with and destroy the enemy."

'Wherever he's needed'

Moore's Bronze Star citation credits him with coordinating Hogan's emergency evacuation, while directing his squad to maneuver against the enemy. He "exposed himself to heavy enemy gunfire" repeatedly while he worked to get close-air support and an evacuation for Hogan, and to lead his squad.

Moore doesn't see it like that. "At first, I thought it was a joke. Someone just messing around with me," he said, about how he found out he was nominated. "I didn't do it on my own. The citation, summary of action, it always just says I did it. I was relaying everything. I wasn't the only one out there."

Cervantes described Moore as "one of the most humble guys I've ever met. He puts himself wherever he's needed. ... He's a hell of a warrior."

Though none of them want to take credit, Cervantes said the entire platoon — himself excluded, of course — deserved awards for their actions.

"Young men did a job that not many other people could do in their lives," said Cervantes.

"I just remember how proud I was of them," Moore said. "I didn't do it alone."

"Talking about the operation brings out anger in both of them. They should have had more weapons and gear, they said. Cervantes wished he had been there when Hogan got shot. Others should have received medals, they said.

"Those guys are the ones who deserve the credit ... the guys of 1st Platoon," Cervantes said. "I will never take credit for that."

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HEROES

‘I knew it was going to get really bad’

By MATT MILLHAM
Stars and Stripes

As morning broke on the top of Shal Mountain, Staff Sgt. Anthony Fuentes and his platoon watched the scavenging birds that had come to feed on the dead and dying Taliban, rotting and moaning on the ragged slope below.

Hearing the Taliban so close was creepy, Sgt. Ryan Poulter said.

That's the way things had gone for days, and the fighting was far from over.

Rising 1,100 feet from the banks of the rolling Kunar River, the top of Shal provided a view of nearly everything over an 18-mile stretch of the Kunar River Valley, from Combat Outpost Monti to the south to Forward Operating Base Bostick to the north. Whomever owned Shal also controlled a smuggling route known as the Ghazibad Gap, which runs east roughly 10 miles to Pakistan.

Compared to many of the surrounding mountains in the Hindu Kush, Shal was relatively small. But because of the way the landscape was sculpted, it was strategically important. For as long as Americans had been in Kunar province, it had belonged to the Taliban. Shal allowed them to funnel arms from Pakistan, but also to coordinate attacks on supply convoys and almost daily strikes on Monti, a valley floor outpost that was a favorite punching bag for local militants.

By October 2011, the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment's Bastard Company, based at Monti, had had enough.

In addition to the casualties they'd taken from rockets and mortars on the outpost, they'd lost two soldiers on the main road near Shal. After weeks of rehearsals, they launched an operation to seize the mountain. At the end, at least 115 militants were dead.

The insurgency had thrown everything it had into trying to retake the mountaintop, and had failed.

Platoon against the world

Company B's planning had to be meticulous. The top of Shal was barely big enough to hold one platoon, which would have to take and hold the outpost from an enemy that everyone assumed would just roll over.

To hedge against casualties, each soldier learned what the others did so they could sustain a fight if someone fell in battle. Machine gunners and riflemen cross-trained as medics and mortar-men. Spc. Jeffrey Conn, 24, the platoon's medic who would earn the Silver Star for his actions, familiarized himself with their tools of destruction.

On the night of Oct. 8, 2011, Bastard Company's 1st Platoon loaded into Chinooks. The twin-rotor birds swung north to drop the men and their 120-pound pack atop Shal. There wasn't enough room on the mountain for



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Staff Sgt. Anthony Fuentes and Spc. Jeffrey Conn, kneeling, pause while moving into an overwatch position early in the morning on Feb. 16, 2012. The soldiers, members of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, were involved in numerous firefights and a major battle in October 2011 that lasted for days atop Shal Mountain, about five miles up the Kunar River Valley behind them.



Spc. Jeffrey Conn Staff Sgt. Anthony Fuentes

Silver Star

Oct. 8-16, 2011
Kunar province, Afghanistan

the helos to land there — everyone knew that. The plan was for the Chinooks to half hover with just their back wheels down while the soldiers rushed out.

Instead of stepping out onto the rocky precipice, the platoon rushed into a cornfield at the mountain's base — to everyone's surprise and dismay.

"Well, we just got dropped in one of the worst valleys" to start, said Fuentes, the platoon sergeant who would orchestrate much of the battle.

As they took up fighting positions, a surveillance drone detected three insurgents moving toward the mountaintop.

The race was on.

Fuentes, 24, grabbed six of his fastest soldiers and a five-man team of Afghans. The Americans left their packs — and their jackets, food and extra ammo — to make a hasty ascent. While racing the Taliban, they also had just an hour before more helicopters would arrive with thousands of pounds of ammunition, building materials, water and food to construct and sustain the mountain outpost.

On reaching the summit, "my guys were just smoked," said Fuentes, who in March was awarded the Silver Star for his role. "One of them showed signs of acute mountain sickness from the significant change in elevation that fast," he said. The supplies came immediately. And behind them, rain.

With their jackets and rain gear at the bottom of the mountain, the men took turns building fighting positions out of the rock, which warmed them, and pulling security, which sent them to the brink of hypothermia.

Their heavy weapons — Mk-19 grenade launchers, .50-caliber machine guns and a high-tech targeting system that would track give them coordinates for precision missile and artillery strikes and bomb drops — stayed below. Those weapons and other gear wouldn't reach the top for days.

The insurgents were watching, but the soldiers atop the mountain couldn't see them.

"The dead space was probably the biggest worry," Fuentes said. "They could pretty much come from anywhere and we wouldn't see them. You would only be able to identify them once they came within 15 meters of your position."

While Fuentes and his men on the mountaintop got to work, the rest of the platoon reached a cellphone tower halfway up Shal. The next day, a handful of soldiers trudged the rest of the way to meet up with Fuentes. Now, 16 Americans and five Afghans occupied the nascent outpost. They had no idea how many Taliban were out there, but estimates range from 300 to 500.

The first major contact came that night — less than 24 hours after landing. Fuentes, the most experienced fighter on the mountain, said it was probing fire, meant to give the enemy an idea of what kind of firepower they were up against. Fuentes and his men shot back with M240 machine guns. He said he "didn't expect too much" based on what the Taliban had shown.

The next night, the insurgents arrived with a plan.

"It was actually pretty interesting to see how they did it," Fuen-

tes said. "They sent a feint on the north side, a small five-man element."

Meanwhile, more than two dozen Taliban snuck up the southeast side of the peak to surprise them.

"It was just a platoon against the world at that point," said Poulter, of Pleasant Hill, Calif.

Fuentes directed his mortarman, Spc. Lee Bridges of Baton Rouge, La., to drop 60 mm fragmentary mortar rounds within 50 meters of their own position to hold off the onslaught. Then the staff sergeant called for final protective fires, a last-ditch defense to keep the outpost from getting overrun. They blew all of their defensive mines, sending a wall of hot metal into the stream of attackers trying to breach the outer perimeter. The men went "metal to metal," Fuentes said, forming a ring of fire with their M4 assault rifles and tossing grenades.

It wasn't enough.

"That was the first time we had to call in for danger-close bomb drops and danger-close firing missions," Fuentes said.

Air Force jets dropped laser-guided bombs within 150 feet of the soldiers, rocking the mountain like an earthquake.

"When they would hit, your teeth would chatter and you could actually feel the ripple go through your body," Fuentes said.

They survived the night, but the battle had just begun.

Throughout most of their days on the mountain, they could hear Taliban moving just below them, sometimes as close as 15 yards away but invisible on the tricky terrain below the cliffs where the outpost sat.

After the first big fight, the men on Shal were running dangerously low on ammunition. Nearly constant harassing fire prevented them from building their fighting positions during the day. At night, they'd try to work and, when they could, sleep. Four days in, none had gotten more than a few hours rest, and some of Fuentes' men were starting to fade, he said. They were awake only so much as their eyes were open.

The days blended together. In interviews with numerous Company B soldiers, none could keep the nine days they were atop Shal quite straight.

But they do remember that, a few days in, their heavy weapons made it to the top.

On Oct. 12, 2011, Poulter identified a pair of insurgent positions and took them out with a TOW missile system. Radio chatter picked up by a monitoring system revealed that Poulter had killed a Taliban commander — the brother of the fighter who'd killed two Company B men on the road below three months earlier.

The Taliban held a funeral in the town below. Afterward, the men atop Shal picked up insurgent radio chatter.

"That was when they were like, 'We will overrun this [outpost]. We will not stop until they are all dead,'" Fuentes said.

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HEROES

‘Our job is to kill the enemy’

By JENNIFER Hlad
Stars and Stripes

The Marines of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, spent the first few weeks of their 2003 deployment living in two-man tents in the desert in Kuwait. They weren't sure they'd even go into Iraq. When they did enter the country, they encountered only sporadic fighting as they secured the Rumaylah oil field and continued pushing north to Baghdad. Then-Cpl. Timothy Tardif said they hadn't really seen the enemy.

But April 12, 2003, was different.

Tardif's unit was doing recon on a bridge in the small town of Tarmiya, about 30 miles north of Baghdad. The Marines needed to make sure the tanks and amphibious assault vehicles could get across the bridge.

Tardif, now a gunnery sergeant, was in an amphibious assault vehicle on one side of the bridge, while two other vehicles went to the other side. The people in the town were very friendly, Tardif said. But the atmosphere changed suddenly as the streets emptied and the two vehicles across the bridge from Tardif were attacked.

Tardif and his squad got the go-ahead to cross the bridge and help, but as soon as they crossed the river, their vehicle was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade, he said. Tardif didn't have a good communication line with his platoon commander, so the Marines got out of the vehicle and Tardif



Cpl. Timothy Tardif

Silver Star



Cpl. Marco Martinez

Navy Cross

April 12, 2003
Tarmiya, Iraq

said he "took initiative."

The Marines were taking fire from their right flank, and Tardif figured the enemy would try to envelop them. He took his squad to the right and started clearing compounds, looking to confront the enemy.

Tardif's award citation says he "changed across a road under intense small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire, inspiring his Marines to follow his example." But telling the story now, Tardif, 32, says he did what "a good corporal should do" and described the Marines pushing forward together.

Tardif's squad had a shoul-

der-fired rocket and an M240 machine gun, and they were the first Marines near the men who were shooting at them, he said. As he tried to get the weapons set to blow up the enemy position, a fighter hiding in the grass threw a grenade at the Marines.

Tardif took a significant amount of shrapnel from the blast, but as squad leader, he didn't want to leave his fellow Marines.

"I did not want to let them down, no matter what," he said. "I owed that to them."

As an infantry rifle squad, their job was "to find the enemy and kill him," he said, so they kept pushing to attack the enemy bunker. The Marines kept creeping closer, but each time they'd throw a grenade, the enemy would return fire, he said.

During one exchange, one of Tardif's Marines was shot — so Tardif and another Marine grabbed the wounded lance corporal while another man, Cpl. Marco Martinez, picked up an enemy RPG launcher and attacked the bunker, killing the four men inside.

The entire ordeal lasted about eight hours, and Tardif had been wounded halfway through. By the time Martinez blew up the enemy bunker, Tardif said, "I was pretty young and stupid."

The Marines were ordered to pull back as higher headquarters called for air and artillery support, and Tardif collapsed as he led his squad out, fighting all the way.

"That was it," he said, "My brain and my body sort of knew."

Tardif was medically evac-

ated and needed a blood transfusion, but he managed to return to his unit for the rest of the deployment. In 2004, then-Marine Commandant Gen. Michael Hagee said Tardif "convinced the doctors that he needed to be checked out of the hospital," then borrowed a uniform, went to an Air Force base and talked his way onto an aircraft back to Iraq.

After the deployment was over and Tardif's unit had returned to Camp Pendleton in California, he was awarded the Silver Star for his "bold leadership, wise judgment and complete dedication to duty." Martinez received the Navy Cross and went on to write a book.

Tardif deployed to Iraq four more times and once to Afghanistan. He was the 2010 recipient of the Gen. Gerald C. Thomas Award for Inspirational Leadership and is now the staff noncommissioned officer of Scout Sniper School at the School of Infantry Detachment Hawaii.

Junior NCO going through the corporals course at the school must navigate a training scenario based on Tardif's experience in Tarmiya; the goal is to teach them how to react under pressure.

He also talks to the Marines about the importance of making good decisions.

"You don't have time to sit there, look around, ask for guidance," he said. "You have to make a decision at that moment, and then own it."

Tardif also hopes the corporals take away a bit about the Marine Corps spirit.

"Our job is to kill the enemy,"



MATTHEW BRAGO/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Then-Cpl. Timothy C. Tardif received shrapnel wounds while assaulting an enemy compound and refused medical attention to keep fighting. Thirteen months later he was awarded the Silver Star for the actions he performed that day.

he said. "Talking to these kids, hopefully I can influence that a little bit," to help them think for themselves, to build good bonds with their Marines, and to not lose control if and when they go into combat.

When then-Secretary of the Navy Gordon England awarded Tardif the Silver Star, he said that Tardif and the others "did good things without notice, and without the acclaim of crowds. But they got the acclaim of their fellow Marines."

Tardif said he believes he was given the award because as the squad leader, he was the "figurehead."

"My squad ... they saved me that day," he said. "They're the ones who pulled me through it."

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‘If one of us earned it, all of us did’

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Forty-six years after he was medically evacuated from Vietnam, Robert Bobby Moffatt stood at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

"I'm amazed we're here. I don't understand how we made it," he said. "I can't believe that we all didn't die that day."

Nearly 30 of Moffatt's fellow Marines died April 30, 1967, on Hill 881 South in Khe Sanh. Moffatt and Joe Cordileone, who served together in Company M, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, survived.

Last year, Moffatt was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" for valor, and Cordileone was awarded the Silver Star for their actions on the worst day of their lives.

The company was advancing to secure the hill when it was attacked by a significantly larger force, their award citation said.

Moffatt remembers answering the call for "guns up," trying to engage the enemy without becoming a casualty. The hill was so pocked with bomb craters that it was hard to see anything beyond there, he said, but the craters were

concealing the enormous North Vietnamese Army bunkers.

Then-Pfc. Moffatt, an assistant machine gunner, took control when the lead gunner was killed. Moffatt and a fellow gunner laid behind an uprooted tree, providing protective fire even as they were "overwhelmed by incoming lead."

"I just couldn't return enough fire fast enough to make the slightest bit of difference," he said.

Eventually, a bullet hit Moffatt's gun, went into his mouth and lodged at the back of his skull.

Then-Pfc. Cordileone was attacking several enemy fighters until he realized the NVA snipers were targeting the wounded Marines.

"Realizing the wounded had to be evacuated from the hill quickly, Cordileone advanced multiple times to recover the wounded, repeatedly exposing himself to mortal danger," according to his



Cordileone



Moffatt

move his fellow Marines to safety, his award citation said.

He saved at least 10 Marines, including Moffatt.

Moffatt passed out from his head wounds and later woke up briefly in a "filthy bomb crater," he said, with no recollection of how he got there. He later learned Cordileone had dragged him there for safety.

Accepting the award, he thanked Cordileone and the others for "caring for those of us who couldn't protect ourselves." Cordileone, 19 at the time, was in his first firefight, convinced that he was going to die, he said. But, he thought, "If I have to die, I'm going to die, but I'm not going to let them down. I'm not going to disappoint another Marine." Cordileone said he was grate-

ful to be awarded the Silver Star, though he downplayed his actions.

"Honest to God, I don't think any other Marine on that hill, would have done anything less than I did," he said. "If one of us earned it, all of us did ... though, I must say, what Bobby Moffatt did was damn courageous."

Moffatt was hospitalized for more than a year with his wounds, and said he heard about what happened that day from fellow Marines.

While he said he was honored to accept the award so many years later, in memory of the Marines who died, he said it is bittersweet that "the very thing that saved my life may have cost other lives."

"It was basically my duty to take care of the gun," he said.

The Marines were nominated for the awards by a retired major general who had been the men's platoon leader before the battle, who learned recently that they had not been recognized for their actions because of the heavy losses in the battle.

Moffatt retired as a senior cost estimator and quality control supervisor for a Navy ship facility in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Cordileone is the chief deputy city at-



Pfc. Joe Cordileone

Silver Star



Pfc. Robert Moffatt

Bronze Star with "V"

April 30, 1967
Khe Sanh, South Vietnam

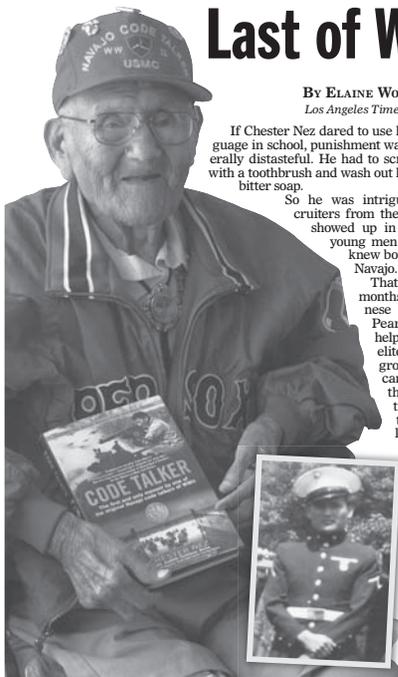
for San Diego.

"Looking at their biographies, Moffatt said, it may seem like they were each in a common."

But in 1967, "we were just young Marines with a lot in common: Defending the honor of our country, honoring our contracts with the United States Marine Corps and doing whatever was required to save each other in common. The most obscene and adverse conditions one might imagine," he said.

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MILITARY



Last of WWII's Navajo code talkers dies

By ELAINE WOOD
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If Chester Nez dared to use his Navajo language in school, punishment was swift and literally distasteful. He had to scrub his tongue with a toothbrush and wash out his mouth with bitter soap.

So he was intrigued when recruiters from the U.S. Marines showed up in 1942 seeking young men like him who knew both English and Navajo.

That day, four months after Japanese bombs fell on Pearl Harbor, Nez helped form an elite, top-secret group that became known as the Navajo code talkers. Using the Navajo language, they

Chester Nez, the last of the original 29 Navajo code talkers, died Wednesday. He was 93.

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Courtesy of Chester Nez family

developed an unbreakable military communications code, then risked their lives on battlefields across the Pacific to send and decipher messages critical to America and its allies in World War II.

He didn't have to volunteer; barred from voting, Native Americans were barely considered citizens. But Nez's heritage spoke louder than decades of rejection. "I reminded myself that my Navajo people had always been warriors, protectors," he wrote years later. "In that there was honor. I would concentrate on being a warrior, on protecting my homeland."

Nez, the last of the original 29 code talkers, died Wednesday in Albuquerque, N.M. He was 93 and had kidney failure, said Judith Avila, who helped Nez write his 2011 memoir, "Code Talker."

In 2001 he received the Congressional Gold Medal, Congress' highest civilian honor, from President George W. Bush.

The Japanese had already broken every code used by the Allies, so when Philip Johnston, a World War I veteran who had grown up on a Navajo reservation, proposed using the Navajo language as the basis for a new code, the top brass thought it was worth a try.

In many respects, Navajo was perfect for the task: It had no written form, used complicated syntax and had unusual tonal features that added another layer of difficulty.

For 13 weeks Nez and 28 other Marine recruits were confined to a room at Camp Elliott in San Diego where they were instructed to come up with words to represent the letters A to Z as well as a code for military terms. At first "everybody thought we'd never make it," Nez recalled. But the code finally emerged.

"Wol-la-chee," the Navajo word for "ant," represented A, "na-hash-chid," the word for "badger," was B, "moasi," the word for "cat," was C, and so on. For key military words, they relied

on easy-to-remember images. So "a-ye-shi," the word for "eggs," for example, meant "bombs." "Ni-ma-shi," or "potatoes," stood for "grenades."

Messages that had taken 30 minutes to code and decrypt using other systems were translated and deciphered in 20 seconds by the Navajo code talkers.

The first message Nez transmitted was at Guadalcanal in November 1942: "Enemy machine gun next on your right. Destroy." The Allied forces blasted the target.

Ultimately 400 Navajo served as code talkers. They were crucial to the campaign on Iwo Jima, conveying and decoding 800 messages without error in the first 48 hours of the operation. "Were it not for the Navajos, the Marines would never have taken Iwo Jima," according to a memo by Maj. Howard Conner, a 5th Marine Division signal officer.

Nez remained in the Marines through the Korean War. Civilian life proved difficult at times. The code talkers were forbidden to talk about their activities for more than two decades, until their mission was declassified in 1968.

"I worried every day I might make an error that cost American lives," Nez told CNN a few years ago. "But our code was the only code in modern warfare that was never broken."

Nez is survived by sons Michael and Tyah, nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

“My Navajo people had always been warriors, protectors. In that there was honor. I would concentrate on being a warrior, on protecting my homeland.”

Chester Nez
Navajo code talker

Fuentes: 'It was kind of like a lot of chaos, because everybody was pinned down'

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Dozens of vehicles began streaming through the Ghaziabad Gap from Pakistan — at least 60 of them, Fuentes said. Other fighters came by mules, whose braying echoed in the hills.

"We knew it was going to get really bad," Fuentes said.

The Bastards got reinforcements as well. Their platoon leader came up from the cellphone tower along with a weapons squad, bringing the American contingent to 23.

They'd need every man.

A day after the funeral, the Taliban launched a vicious assault. More than a dozen machine-gun positions in the hills opened up, backed by recoilless rifles rocket-propelled grenades, mortars and snipers.

"It was kind of like a lot of chaos, because everybody was pinned down," Fuentes said.

Rounds were pouring onto the mountaintop like a rainstorm on a pond, with ricochets splashing fragments of lead and dirt and rock all around them.

"We couldn't get our heads up, and we couldn't identify anything," Fuentes said.

The outpost's northern flank, where the five-man Afghan element was positioned along with the newly arrived weapons squad, was taking it hardest. They took a direct RPG

hit to their partially built fortifications.

Poulter, splitting his time between keeping the Afghans in the fight and keeping everyone supplied with ammo, was sprinting toward the northern position to fix the radio when another RPG struck. The blast threw the Afghan platoon leader, Inzar Gul, and his recoilless rifle like rag dolls. As Gul fell, his weapon discharged straight up into the air, creating a back blast that, together with the RPG, knocked out everyone on the northern flank, including Poulter.

Poulter came to, rolled a rock off his legs and rushed the last few yards to the northern position. All he could find of Gul was a shoe and a puddle of blood.

He ran back to the command post to report to Fuentes: Gul was dead.

Only he wasn't. Poulter had been out for minutes, buried under a layer of dust and rock. Conn, the medic, and others had rescued Gul and two other badly injured Afghans from the rubble.

"I don't know how that guy lived," Fuentes said of Gul. "He should have died. Rounds went inside him and cauterized themselves on the way in."

The weapons squad was alive but incapacitated. The men were knocked out briefly, and when they came to fired their weapons indiscriminately, some into the

air, some at harmless hillsides, Fuentes said.

The reinforcements were essentially gone.

The insurgents kept coming.

Fuentes and his platoon leader called in airstrikes and requested artillery from Monti and Bostick, as well as missiles from Bagram Air Field, more than 100 miles away.

The fighting died down as night fell. They called in a medical evacuation flight to take Gul and five dazed men from the weapons squad off the mountain.

Taliban radio chatter tipped that they were about to attack again as the Black Hawk came in to whisk away the injured. Staff Sgt. Robert Cowdrey stepped off the bird to receive the wounded. With the rotor wack kicking up blinding dust, nobody could tell whether the Taliban assault had started.

In the brownout, Cowdrey loaded Gul then went back for the injured Americans.

As Cowdrey led them to the helicopter, the bird's rotor blades dropped down and hit the medic in the face.

"My guts got thrown everywhere," Fuentes said. "The bird pulled off."

He and Conn ran back out to the landing zone. It took a moment to realize what had happened.

There was no saving Cowdrey, though Conn was able to get him. They carried the medic to

a safer part of the outpost and prepped him to be hoisted by cable into another medevac. Fuentes and Conn worked as rounds again started to fall.

They didn't get to process what had just happened, Fuentes said. "We had to defend against another frontal attack from the enemy."

They again fell into their final protective fires positions. Air support had all been called off earlier as bad weather set in. For an hour and a half, they fought off the Taliban with what they had at hand.

The weather broke before dawn. Apache attack helicopters soared up the valley and the insurgents scattered back to their caves.

As day broke Oct. 14, "everybody's spirits were pretty low," Fuentes said.

They still hadn't slept. Nearly three-quarters of the men on the hill had suffered concussions in the previous day's firefight.

The one bright spot: Relief was on its way. Soldiers from another company were coming that night to relieve 1st Platoon.

As the new guys settled in, Fuentes was tasked with getting his platoon's gear down to the cellphone tower and prepped for sling-load extraction.

He and a small team headed down the mountain.

"As I'm down there, my platoon was with my platoon leader takes contact. So I'm trying to get

back up there as fast as possible," Fuentes said.

He grabbed some fresh soldiers from the cell tower and scrambled up the hill.

A wave of nearly a dozen suicide attackers was close behind. As they tried to storm the hill-top, Conn and Poulter tossed a flurry of grenades over the cliff to hold them off. One of Poulter's grenades hit a suicide bomber in the chest, fell to the ground and blew up in the fighter's face.

The reinforcements with Fuentes were pinned down by snipers. Fuentes sprinted through the gunfire to their position to see two suicide bombers nearly on top of the position. He brought up his M4 and shot both before they could detonate.

Apaches arrived again, and the men took cover as the birds strafed the hillside to take out the rest of the attackers.

The battle for Shal was all but over. The suicide bombers were the insurgents' last desperate attempt to retake the outpost. Soon after, the survivors began streaming back to Pakistan.

The victory drained the valley of support for the Taliban.

"They operate off of successes, so when they have a big success, it's easy to recruit people," Fuentes said. "But if you're constantly losing, it's hard to get good people to come work for you."

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NATION

CIA joins social media websites

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WASHINGTON — At long last, our national wait is over: the CIA joined Twitter.

One of the nation's major spy organizations joined the social media game on Friday, announcing its presence with a snarky tweet that will immediately be familiar to national security journalists who have spent years trying to get information from it.

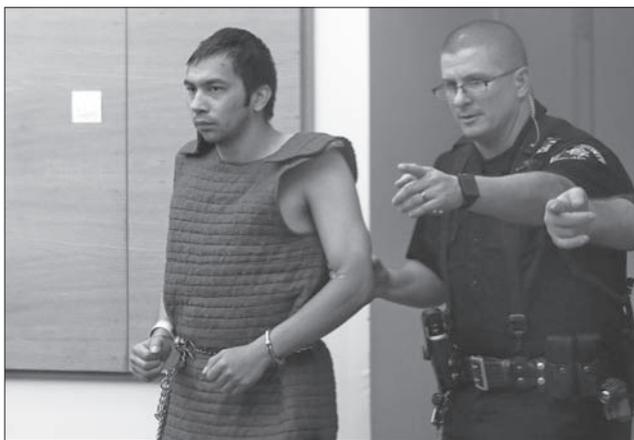
"We can neither confirm nor deny that this is our first tweet," it said, poking fun at its own secretive reputation. Or maybe that was trumpeting it. Take your pick.

The message was retweeted more than 63,000 times in the first hour and change after it was posted at 1:49 p.m. But that certainly doesn't change the fact that the agency is far behind virtually all of its brethren in the nation's national security apparatus.

The Army joined Twitter in September 2007, according to its profile page. The House of Commons joined in November 2007, the Air Force in January 2009, the Navy in July 2009, and the overall Department of Defense in August 2009.

The CIA said in a news release Friday that it also has launched a Facebook account, expanding beyond the presence it already had on photo-sharing site Flickr and video-sharing YouTube.

"By expanding to these platforms, CIA will be able to more directly engage with the public and provide information on CIA's mission, history, and other developments," CIA Director John Brennan said. "We have important insights to share, and we want to make sure that unclassified information about the Agency is more accessible to the American public that we serve, consistent with our national security mission."



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Shooting suspect Aaron Ybarra is directed into a hearing at a King County Jail courtroom Friday in Seattle.

Seattle shooting suspect reported 'a rage inside'

By GENE JOHNSON
AND PHUONG LE
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — In 2010, Aaron Ybarra called 911 to report "a rage inside him" and said he wanted to hurt himself and others, according to a police report of the incident.

Two years later, officers responded again — this time finding him lying in the middle of the street in front of his suburban Mountlake Terrace home, ranting drunkenly for a SWAT team "to get him and make him famous."

The rage and thirst for notoriety may have got the better of him Thursday, when police say he stormed into a sciences and engineering building on the leafy campus of Seattle Pacific University, armed with a shotgun and

more than 50 shells.

He fatally shot a 19-year-old freshman and wounded two other young people before his plan to kill as many people as possible — and himself — was thwarted by a student building monitor who pepper-sprayed and tackled him as he reloaded, officials said.

A King County Superior Court judge ordered Ybarra, 26, held without bail Friday. His attorney, public defender Ramona Brandes, said he was on suicide watch at the jail.

"He is cognizant of the suffering of the victims and their families and the entire Seattle Pacific community," she said. "He is sorry."

In both of the earlier contacts with police, officers committed Ybarra involuntarily to Swedish Hospital in Edmonds for mental

evaluations. Brandes said he has a long history of mental health problems for which he had been treated and medicated.

"We are so very shocked and sad over yesterday's shootings at SPU," Ybarra's family said in a statement. "We are crushed at the amount of pain caused to so many people. To the victims and their families, our prayers are with you."

At the time of the 2010 commitment, Ybarra worked at the Kenmore Shooting Range north of Seattle. From 2003 to about three and a half years ago, he worked as a "trapper" keeping score on practice shoots, according to range president John Conderman, who said he did not know Ybarra personally but recognized his picture in news accounts.

Family: Wis. stabbing victim out of hospital

WAUKESHA, Wis. — A 12-year-old girl who police say was repeatedly stabbed by two classmates trying to curry favor with a fictional horror character has been released from Waukesha Memorial Hospital, the victim's parents said Friday night.

The girl narrowly survived being stabbed 19 times.

In their statement, the victim's parents said they have kept their discussions with their daughter about the May 31 stabbing short. But they said they have asked her girl how she found the strength to crawl out of the woods.

"Her response was simple: 'I wanted to live,'" the statement said.

The two 12-year-old girls have been charged as adults with first-degree attempted homicide in the stabbing.

Gay couples begin getting married in Wis.

MADISON, Wis. — When a federal judge struck down Wisconsin's gay marriage ban, pastor Andrew Warner was among those who headed to the courthouse to get a license so he could legally wed his longtime partner.

Then he turned to perform a wedding for to members of his Milwaukee church.

"I always felt like we were second-class citizens in not being able to get married," Warner said after marrying Jay Edmondson on Friday evening, despite confusion over the effect of a federal judge's ruling that declared Wisconsin's gay marriage ban unconstitutional. "And now I feel good about my state in a way I haven't before."

Clerks in Madison and Milwaukee began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples shortly after 5 p.m. Friday, a little over an hour after the judge released her ruling.

Hershey sues Colorado edible pot company

DENVER — The Hershey Co. has sued a Colorado marijuana edibles maker, claiming it makes four pot-infused candies that too closely resemble iconic products of the chocolate maker.

The trademark infringement lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Denver last week against TinctureBelle LLC and Tincture-Belle Marijuanka LLC.

It alleges TinctureBelle's Ganja Joy, Hasheath, Hasheeb and Dabby Patty mimic Hershey's Almond Joy, Heath, Reese's peanut butter cups and York peppermint patty candies, respectively.

Pennsylvania-based Hershey says TinctureBelle products are packaged in a way that will confuse consumers, including children. Hershey's suit says TinctureBelle "creates a genuine safety risk with regard to consumers" who may inadvertently eat them thinking they are ordinary chocolate candy.

TinctureBelle did not immediately return messages seeking comment. The Denver Business Journal first reported about the lawsuit filed Tuesday.

From wire reports

Actor Tracy Morgan in intensive care after 6-car crash

The Associated Press

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Actor and comedian Tracy Morgan, 45, was in intensive care Saturday after the limousine bus he was riding in was involved in a multivehicle accident on the New Jersey Turnpike, state police said.

The vehicle carrying the former "Saturday Night Live" and "30 Rock" cast member and six others was involved in a six-vehicle accident on the turnpike near Cranbury Township at about 1 a.m. Saturday, Sgt. 1st Class

Greg Williams told The Associated Press.

Williams said one person died in the crash that occurred in the north-bound lanes of the turnpike near mile marker 71.5.

A spokesman at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Center in New Brunswick, N.J., said



Morgan

a patient named Tracy Morgan is in critical condition there.

There was no immediate word on other injuries from the accident.

Williams said two tractor-trailers, a sports utility vehicle and two cars, along with Morgan's limo bus, were involved in the accident. There is no immediate word on the cause of the pileup.

The New York City native joined "Saturday Night Live" in 1996 and was on the sketch-comedy program for seven years before leaving to star in "The Tracy Morgan Show" in 2003.

That show lasted just one season. In 2006, Morgan found a long-running role in NBC's hit show "30 Rock," which was created by SNL co-star Tina Fey.

Morgan grew up fatherless, one of five siblings, in a blighted section of Brooklyn, where he helped raise and support the family.

He once called his gift for being funny "a defense mechanism" for his miserable circumstances.

The New Jersey Turnpike was closed for more than five hours after the crash.

WORLD

Ukraine's new president sworn in

By LAURA MILLS
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's new president on Saturday called for dialogue with the country's east, gripped by a violent separatist insurgency, and for armed groups to lay down their weapons but said he won't talk with rebels he called "gangsters and killers."

Petro Poroshenko's inaugural address after taking the oath of office in parliament gave little sign of a quick resolution to the conflict in the east, which Ukrainian officials say has left more than 200 people dead.

He also took a firm line on Russia's annexation of Crimea this spring, insisting that the Black Sea peninsula "was, is and will be Ukrainian." He gave no indication of how Ukraine could regain control of Crimea, which Russian President Vladimir Putin has said was allotted to Ukraine unjustly under Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev.

Rebel leaders in the east dismissed Poroshenko's speech. "This statement doesn't concern us," said the so-called prime minister of the insurgent Donetsk

'I am calling on everyone who has taken arms in their hands — please lay down your arms.'

Petro Poroshenko
new Ukrainian president



People's Republic, Alexander Borodai, according to the RIA Novosti news agency.

Poroshenko, 48, offered amnesty to rebels who "don't have blood on their hands." But "I don't believe it," said Valery Bolotov, the insurgent leader in the Luhansk region. Rebels in both Luhansk and Donetsk have declared their regions independent.

The new president promised "I will bring you peace," but did not indicate whether Ukrainian forces would scale back their offensives against the insurgency, which Ukraine says is fomented by Russia.

Russia has insisted on Ukraine ending its military operation in

the east. Ambassador Mikhail Zarubov, representing Moscow at the inauguration, said Poroshenko's statements "sound reassuring" but "for us, the principal thing is to stop the military operation," RIA Novosti reported.

As president, Poroshenko is commander-in-chief of the military and appoints the defense and foreign ministers. The prime minister is appointed by the parliament.

Often called "The Chocolate King" because of the fortune he made as a confectionery tycoon, Poroshenko was elected May 25. He replaces Oleksandr Turchynov, who served as interim president after Russia-friendly president

Viktor Yanukovich fled the country in February after months of street protests against him.

Within a month, the Black Sea peninsula of Crimea was annexed by Russia after a secession referendum and an armed insurgency arose in the eastern provinces of Donetsk and Luhansk.

In his inaugural address, attended by dignitaries including U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, Poroshenko promised amnesty "for those who do not have blood on their hands" and called for dialogue with "peaceful citizens" in the east.

"I am calling on everyone who has taken arms in their hands — please lay down your arms," he said, according to a translator. He also called for early regional elections in the east and promised to push for new powers to be allotted to regional governments, but he rejected calls for federalization of Ukraine, which Moscow has advocated.

Poroshenko also insisted that Ukrainian would remain the sole state language of the country, but promised "new opportunities for the Russian language," without giving specifics.

Mexico to proceed with prosecuting US Marine

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's attorney general's office on Friday defended its decision to prosecute a U.S. Marine veteran who was jailed after he drove into Mexico in April with three guns in his truck.

The office said in a statement that Andrew Tahmooressi was arrested on weapon charges because he was carrying a pistol, shotgun and rifle and ammunition when he crossed into Tijuana.

Tahmooressi's mother, Jill Tahmooressi, said her son was headed to dinner in San Ysidro, Calif., on March 31 when he mistakenly wound up at a border-crossing point in Tijuana. He has said he never intended to leave the United States but missed an exit.

Pakistan teen shot by father, thrown in canal

ISLAMABAD — A Pakistani woman, 18, "miraculously survived" after being shot and thrown into a canal by her father for marrying against the family's wishes, police said Saturday, describing the latest in a series of such attacks on women in the Muslim-majority country.

Local police officer Ali Akbar said the teenager's father, with help from some of his close relatives, attacked her in Hafizabad, a conservative city 120 miles southeast of the capital, Islamabad.

Akbar said Saba Maqsood was in love with a man from a nearby city and married him last week, but her father, Ahmed, brought her back to his home, promising she would not be harmed. Akbar said her family members beat her, and the following day Ahmed took her to a deserted area and tried to kill her.

The woman told police her two uncles looked on as her father shot her in the face, put her in a burlap sack and threw her into a canal, Akbar said.

Dutch clown, friends convicted of prank

AMSTERDAM — A Dutch court has convicted three men of threatening behavior after one dressed up as a clown and chased unsuspecting cyclists with an ax.

The other two filmed the prank and posted it on YouTube, according to a written description of the April 24 event that prosecutors released Tuesday.

In one part of the footage, which has been removed from the site, a female bicyclist was videotaped approaching the clown's hiding place in the bushes. The prosecutors' statement says the clown jumped out, screamed at the girl, raised the ax over his head and chased her down the street. Police said a male cyclist also was targeted.

The three men, who were not identified by court officials, defended their actions as humorous. All were sentenced to 40 hours' community service.

From The Associated Press

India cuts power during heat wave, causing riots

The Associated Press

LUCKNOW, India — Thousands of people enraged by power cuts during an extreme heat wave rioted across northern India, setting electricity substations on fire and taking power company officials hostage, officials said Saturday.

The impoverished state of Uttar Pradesh has never had enough power for its 200 million people — about the population of Brazil — and many receive only a few hours a day under normal conditions, while 63 percent of homes have no access to electricity at all. But recent temperatures that soared to 117 degrees Fahrenheit have caused power demand to spike at 11,000 megawatts — far higher than the state's 8,000 MW capacity — triggering blackouts that shut down fans, city water pumps and air conditioners.

Thousands of people stormed an electricity substation Friday near the state capital of Lucknow,

ransacking offices and taking several workers hostage for 18 hours until police intervened Saturday morning, state utility official Narendra Nath Mullick said.

Elsewhere, an angry crowd set fire to an electricity substation in Gonda, 112 miles southeast of Lucknow. It took three hours for firefighters to put out the flames on Friday. Another substation was set on fire in Gorakhpur, 200 miles southeast of Lucknow.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akilesh Yadav said officials were trying to purchase power from other states, though they were also facing shortages amid the extreme heat.

Power was largely restored to most areas by Saturday afternoon, leading dozens of people who were still protesting outside Lucknow's Indira Nagar substation to go home.

Residents had been particularly angry about the power cuts after receiving reliable supplies through the Indian elections,



KUMAR SINGH/AP

An Indian commuter splashes water from a pipe onto his face for a respite from the heat Saturday at the rail station in Allahabad, India.

which ended May 16. Since then, only some regions have been guaranteed unbroken power supplies, while others have received little to none.

The high court in the city of Al-

lahabad is now hearing a petition alleging discrimination in power distribution and has asked the government to explain why some regions allegedly were receiving preferential treatment.

Militants take Iraq university, briefly hold hostages

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Militants stormed a university filled with hundreds of students in Iraq's restrictive Anbar province Saturday, briefly taking students hostage before withdrawing from the school amid gunfire, officials and witnesses said. Meanwhile, fighting in northern Iraq saw police officers and 38 militants, authori-

ties said.

The attack on Anbar University comes as Islamic extremists and other anti-government militias have held parts of nearby cities Ramadi and Fallujah since December amid rising tensions between Sunni Muslims and the Shiite-led government in Baghdad.

The school largely has been left alone while civilians fled the

violence.

That changed early Saturday as the gunmen killed three police officers on guard at the university's gate, officials said. The gunmen then detained dozens of students inside a dorm, the officials said.

The Shiite students at the school were terrified, said Ahmed al-Mehandi, a student who was taken hostage, as the gunmen identified

themselves as belonging to al-Qaida splinter group the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

In Mosul, clashes continued Saturday for a second day between security forces and Sunni militants trying to seize neighborhoods there. Police and morgue officials said that fighting, since dawn Saturday killed 21 police officers and 38 militants.

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TO S. WARREN/AP

Wendy Harrison, a waitress at the icon Grill in Seattle, carries food to patrons during lunchtime. Seattle this month raised its minimum wage to \$15 an hour, though top economists are still uncertain about the consequences of raising it.

Will \$15 minimum wage work in Seattle?

By CATHERINE RAMPPELL
 The Washington Post

Writing for the title of the United States' most progressive city, Seattle this month decided to raise its minimum wage to \$15 an hour. Depending on which pundit is nattering away, this means Seattle is either going to fall off the map and become a "Mad Max"-style economic wasteland or transform into an egalitarian utopia that inspires sweeping pro-labor activism nationwide. Both sides claim to know, with impressive certainty, how Seattle's bold experiment will turn out.

But that's exactly what it is: a relatively unprecedented experiment whose effects on workers, businesses and the local economy are unknowable. Anyone who claims otherwise is either lying or misguided. Despite literally hundreds of studies focusing on the minimum wage, top economists are still uncertain about the consequences of raising it. In a survey of several dozen elite academics last year, exactly zero said they had a strong sense of what happens to the lowest-skilled workers when you require companies to pay them more.

In the absence of a reliable forecast, here's a framework for thinking through both what's likely to happen as Seattle adopts the highest minimum wage in the nation and whether other cities should follow suit.

Those opposed to raising the minimum wage typically argue that if you increase the cost of something, people will buy less of it, whether we're talking about socks or labor. That's true to a point, but the magnitude of the effect really depends on how

sensitive buyers are to changes in price.

For small changes to current costs, demand for labor looks pretty inelastic. In other words, studies have found, you're not likely to see mass layoffs if the minimum wage goes up a touch. Instead, a modest minimum-wage increase is likely to be a transfer from employers to employees that will not discernibly depress low-wage employment.

That's a good thing, if you want to improve the lives of the working poor. It's why the proposal to gradually raise the federal minimum wage to \$10.10 seems like a pretty safe idea.

At some point, though, if you raise the wage floor too much, you probably do more harm than good.

Even Thomas Piketty, a strong proponent of raising the minimum wage (whose work is cited somewhat inaccurately in Seattle's new ordinance) agrees. "Obviously, raising the minimum wage cannot continue indefinitely: as the minimum wage increases, the negative effects on the level of employment eventually win out," he writes in "Capital in the Twenty-First Century."

It's hard to know, based on the evidence we have, exactly when you reach that tipping point. My own guess is that by the time you get to \$15 per hour, some more marginal low-skilled positions — grocery baggers, shopping-cart retrievers, busboys — will start disappearing.

To the extent that minimum-wage jobs are "tradable" — i.e., movable across borders — some jobs will just be shifted to where labor is cheaper. But most very-low-wage jobs are probably not tradable; they tend to be concentrated in sectors such as retail, restaurants, hotels, cleaning crews and health care, all services that are hard

to perform from afar.

One other possible consequence of a \$15 minimum wage is that companies will invest in more automation. Think self-check-out machines instead of cashiers. Again, not all low-skilled work can be automated, at least not as quickly as firms will want to reduce head counts. So some of the burden of a higher minimum wage might fall on consumers, through some combination of higher prices and worse service (longer waits at the coffee shop, say).

The good news for Seattle: It's a pretty rich area with low unemployment. It seems better equipped to absorb the shock from a \$15 minimum wage than a lot of other places. Which is maybe why the city feels emboldened to try its "living wage" experiment, and why lots of other cities may not be able to follow in its path.

All that said, even if Seattle's plan does improve the pay of the working poor without reducing employment, raising the minimum wage is still not necessarily the best strategy for cities, states and the nation to combat poverty and inequality in the long run. Mandating higher pay, after all, is a Band-Aid for much deeper structural problems in the U.S. economy. It addresses the outcomes rather than causes of inequality, which begins in utero and widens throughout childhood and early adulthood. Raising the minimum wage may be the easiest policy to sell to voters, but expanding access to high-quality education (preschool all the way through higher ed), good nutrition and safe, affordable housing are probably more potent ways to improve the lot of the United States' most disadvantaged families.

Catherine Rampell is a Washington Post columnist.

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OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editors are provided by The Associated Press and other statewide syndicates.

Obama's European solidarity

The Wall Street Journal

President Barack Obama has been notably indifferent to Europe for five long years, but maybe Russia's aggression has given him a new focus. On Tuesday in Warsaw he unveiled a new \$1 billion fund and other measures to signal America's commitment to Europe's defense. These are welcome steps, though a permanent troop redeployment would be better.

The Warsaw symbolism was useful and potent. World War II started in Poland, and this month is also the 25th anniversary of the first partially free elections that were followed by the collapse of Polish Communism. Vladimir Putin's new military adventurism threatens the independence of Ukraine but also once again the stability of post-Cold War Europe — especially Poland, the Baltics and other frontline NATO states that America is bound by the NATO treaty to defend.

Obama's Warsaw package begins to undo years of U.S. and Western European complacency. Vladimir Putin's approval, and it should, the new \$1 billion European Reassurance Initiative would pay for increased American training, military exercises and rotations of soldiers and ships through Europe.

The U.S. currently has 67,000 troops scattered throughout Western Europe, and those forces being close to the ones that are the most needed. The defense secretary said Tuesday it is "reviewing our force presence in Europe in light of the new security challenges on the continent." But Obama missed an opportunity to make an even bigger statement by failing to announce a redeployment eastward. The delay will give Putin's many apologists in London and Berlin a chance to lobby against any forward troop movement.

Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel warned Russia to keep its tanks out of eastern Ukraine and let the May 25 elections go ahead or face harsher sanctions. It was easy for Putin to oblige, but those were the wrong bars for new sanctions. Russian and Chechen fighters are streaming into eastern Ukraine, and the Ukrainians need lethal aid to resist. It's good to see Obama discover that keeping the peace in Europe requires an American commitment, but Putin is the kind of leader who only understands military facts on the ground.

Bergdahl deal raises concerns

(Bowling Green, Ky.) Daily News

It is wonderful news that the Taliban released U.S. Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl after five years of captivity.

The Chechen fighters captured Bergdahl on June 30, 2009. Some reports have speculated that he had walked away from his unit, disillusioned by the war, but those reports have not been confirmed.

This should be dealt with later if it is true.

Now, Bergdahl should be celebrating his freedom and reuniting with family and friends.

We are elated that Bergdahl is free, but the matter in which he was released opens itself to criticism.

The United States has a longstanding policy that we don't negotiate with terrorists. In this case, the Obama administration negotiated with the Taliban for Bergdahl's release. The president is also required to consult with Congress before something



like this transpires. This wasn't done in a timely manner. So much for that transparency we were promised back in 2008.

In return for his release, five Taliban detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, were released and flown to Qatar, which served as a mediator in negotiations. The five released were the worst of the worst Taliban members taken out of the combat zone.

Their mission in Afghanistan was to kill U.S. and coalition forces, members of the newly formed government and civilians. It's quite likely all of them have blood on their hands, and this is who the Obama administration decided to release.

The administration can argue that Bergdahl's release keeps the president's promise that no one who serves our country will be forgotten, surely this should also include Dr. Shakkel Afridi, a Pakistani physician who is serving a lengthy sentence for helping us find Osama bin Laden, or Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi, the Marine who languishes away in a Mexican prison because he unknowingly crossed the Mexican border.

How long, Mr. President, before these situations receive the same focus as Bergdahl?

We're glad that Bergdahl is free and safe, but the means used to free him raise serious questions about negotiating with terrorists.

Obama thinks of legacy first

Charleston (W.Va.) Daily Mail

President Barack Obama is at it again. In 2010, the 44th president pushed for a so-called reform of the nation's health care system.

He and tunnel-visioned fellow Democrats Nancy Pelosi, then House speaker, and Harry Reid, Senate president, eschewed all legitimate Republican concerns about a major government policy change simply because they had the votes in Congress to pass their bill then.

What followed was a very rough rollout of the health care law, smoothed only slightly through a bevy of executive orders by the president to change parts of the law.

Unfortunately, there is no legal precedent nor constitutional power for the president to make many of the changes he has made without congressional approval, but he dared not bring the act back before the U.S. House where a Republican majority had since taken over — primarily due to voter anger at his party's shoving through a major policy change.

Now the president has done it again. Showing continued callousness, if not actual disdain, toward representatives in the U.S. Congress who were elected by the people, the president's Environmental Protection Agency issued the Clean Power Plan to begin to do the things the president

couldn't get Congress to do with his Cap and Trade bill: stifle the production and use of the nation's most abundant, economic natural resource for the generation of reliable, low-cost electric power.

The EPA showed its true objectivity on the issue when it held a series of public meetings while drafting its new policy. Those meetings occurred in 11 urban centers — from San Francisco to Boston — nowhere near any region of the country where hard-working people actually produce coal — and ultimately electric power — through their own blood, sweat and tears.

Why is it that Obama's big legacy proposals wind up as big fights?

Obama's predecessor George W. Bush reached out to the opposition party and worked to develop a coalition of leaders toward big goals such as No Child Left Behind and the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

While Obama seems preoccupied with leaving a lasting legacy, he's likely to be remembered for his arrogant "I am the King" approach to advance his policies his way, regardless of what he considers two minor irritants: the U.S. Constitution and representative government.

Finally firm step on emissions

Boston Globe

The new regulations on power plant emissions announced last week by President Barack Obama's Environmental Protection Agency mark the nation's first truly serious assault on climate change. The proposed rules, which will be subject to a four-month comment period, call for cutting carbon emissions from existing power plants by 30 percent within 15 years.

It's a workable, realistic goal that will spur investment in low-emission energy technology, including wind and solar power. Phased in over a long enough period to minimize economic damage, it would nonetheless achieve a reduction in carbon emissions equivalent to taking nearly two-thirds of the nation's passenger vehicles off the road. The clearer air should save thousands of lives and tens of billions of dollars in health benefits. And it would finally give the United States the credibility to push other countries, including fast-growing, fast-polluting China, to enact similar measures. It is, in every sense, a major step — and a long-overdue and welcome one.

Almost all credible reports suggest the world is passing the point where it can reverse, or eliminate, global warming. But that only means it's more urgent than ever to push for historic carbon reductions. Nonetheless, many politicians — including the usual global-warming deniers and those from both parties in fossil-fuel-producing states — rushed to claim the new rules would cause steep economic damage.

Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell of coal-state Kentucky laughably warned of a "unilateral dismantling of our own economic supremacy." That's refuted by the entire history of environmental protection, in which self-interested businesses and doomsayers predicted huge economic costs to the landmark clean-air and clean-water regulations of the '70s, only to see more jobs created in the technology boom that followed the new regulations.

In a wise move, the EPA is not dictating to states how to get to their prescribed reductions, and is giving them two years to submit plans of action.

This system, which ensures that emissions get cut in the most economically efficient way, has helped foster dramatic reductions in carbon dioxide emissions since it was implemented in 2009. Energy prices have fallen 8 percent over that period, while the private sector has rushed in to fund energy-efficiency technology and alternative fuels. What worked here can work in other places, as the entire nation prepares for a historic conversion from a fossil-fuel economy to one based largely on renewable energy. The EPA's plan is a vital first step.

Benefits to bordering Mexico

The Arizona Republic

Arizona's international border is an economic engine with huge potential, and the stars are aligning to make it more powerful yet.

Mexico offers high-skill, low-cost manufacturing and easy access to the North American market.

Labor costs are rising in China, and U.S. manufacturers are relocating to Mexico with an enthusiasm reminiscent of the early days of the North American Free Trade Agreement in the 1990s, according to The New York Times.

Major U.S. retailers like Home Depot, Stanley, Black & Decker, Chrysler and Callaway Golf are expanding there. But opportunities exist for companies of all sizes, including locally grown Arizona companies.

The whole nation benefits from trade with Mexico. About 40 percent of the content of goods imported from Mexico originates in the United States. That drops a 4 percent if the import comes from China.

But "there is no question that the border states are in the lead in using binational trade as a tool for regional development," according to a report that introduced an amendment of the Regional Economic Competitiveness Forums, including one in Rio Rico last month.

The Nogales border crossing has long attracted produce from western Mexico. A new highway in Mexico's interior puts Texas in a position to compete for those imports. The cleaver air should save thousands of jobs. But Lance Jungmeyer, president of the Fresh Produce Association of the Americas, says the Mexican highway also allows Arizona's ports to compete for produce from eastern Mexico.

It's a silver-lining scenario that depends on efforts to ports and good infrastructure in Arizona.

It isn't the only example of envisioning a more rewarding international future.

In addition to a commitment by Phoenix and the state to open trade offices in Mexico City, local government leaders efforts to form the Arizona-Sonora Bimodal Megaregion to work on becoming more globally competitive. This is modeled on a mega-border region in California, according to Erik Lee of the North American Research Partnership.

The Arizona-Mexico Rothschild recently hosted a Borderlands Trade Conference that brought together experts from business, trade and government sectors to share ideas.

The border is an asset with growing potential for economic development, and efforts to build on that will help our state prosper.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Man arrested for cursing files lawsuit

PA HOUSTON — A western Pennsylvania man arrested for cursing in front of police has filed a lawsuit saying his right to free speech was violated.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported Thursday that Richard Pustovrh was arguing with his employers in September 2012 and they called the police. Pustovrh lives in Houston, 30 miles southwest of Pittsburgh.

A complaint says Pustovrh used an obscenity to voice his frustration after a Canonsburg police officer warned him not to.

He was handcuffed and later was found guilty of disorderly conduct and obscene language. The obscene-language charge was withdrawn when he appealed.

Pustovrh wants a declaration the police actions were unconstitutional. He's seeking punitive damages of \$100,000.

Principal's entourage: A 4-piece mariachi band

CA SANTA BARBARA — Something seemed a little bit different about Principal John Becchio as he made his rounds at Santa Barbara High School last week.

Was it the trumpeter? The violinist? Or the guitar and guitar-ron players? Probably all four.

The mariachi group that greeted Becchio in his office Tuesday morning and followed him around for an hour was a prank played by this year's senior class.

The Santa Barbara Unified School District posted photos and video of the prank on its website last week.

Judge chastises man in kindergarten meleé

OH CINCINNATI — A judge chastised a man accused of starting a meleé at a southwest Ohio kindergarten graduation last week.

Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge Bernie Bouchard said Raymond Walker, 33, showed poor judgment when he should have been setting a good example. The judge set bail at \$50,000.

Attorney Victor Wayne Sims said Friday there has been a rush to judgment and the case has been blown out of proportion.

Walker turned himself in Thursday afternoon to face charges of assault and inducing panic.

Police said Walker hit another man while newly graduated kindergarten students were celebrating Monday, triggering a melee that ended in the lockdown of an elementary school while police responded in the Cincinnati suburb of Mt. Healthy.

Man charged after firing at salesmen

MI FREMONT TOWNSHIP — A 61-year-old mid-Michigan man has been charged with felonious assault after three traveling salesmen reported they were shot at while trying to interest him in a vacu-

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\$9,200

The value of merchandise stolen from a golf pro shop in Washington state. Police said the suspect had no criminal history, but he appears to be addicted to golf. Bremerton police detectives saw some of the stolen gear for sale online and arrested the suspect Wednesday in Kirkland. Police said that robberies are often the result of addictions, but this is the first one police have seen "that looks like a golf addiction."



CHAD RYAN, THE (FORT WAYNE, IND.) JOURNAL GAZETTE/AP

Bird bully

A territorial male red-wing blackbird dive-bombs Jessica Cline as she walks on the Pufferbelly Trail near a YMCA in Fort Wayne, Ind. The bird has apparently attacked walkers, runners, and bicyclists on the trail for a few weeks and has prompted YMCA officials to post signs alerting users of the trail of its winged attacks.

um cleaner.

Isabella County Sheriff Leo Mioduszewski said Robert Dale Lee was arraigned Friday.

Mioduszewski said two of the salesmen became suspicious when a man gestured for them to wait after they knocked on the door of his Fremont Township home Thursday. They joined a third Kirby vacuum representative in their van when the man walked toward a pole barn.

Mioduszewski said the man came out of the barn with a long gun as the van drove away. The salesmen said they heard two shots. One salesman told police he heard pellets "whiz" by the open driver's side window.

No one was hurt.

Governor signs bill repealing Common Core

OK OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin has signed a bill to repeal the Common Core education standards, getting rid of the new math and English guidelines that were scheduled to take effect in schools in the state in the coming school year.

The bill was overwhelmingly passed in the House and Senate on the final day of the 2014 session. Fallin signed it Thursday. The bill requires the state to return to old standards in place before 2010 and calls for new ones to be developed by 2016.

Overdose leads deputies to drug ring

WI WAUSAU — A Wisconsin sheriff said deputies uncovered a large marijuana trafficking ring while trying to figure out who abandoned a heroin overdose victim in a hospital parking lot.

Marathon County Sheriff Scott Parks said that five people have been arrested so far in connection with the drug ring based in Mosinee in central Wisconsin.

Sheriff's Lt. Gary Schneck said a 19-year-old woman spent five days in an induced coma and nearly died after she was left in the parking lot.

Deputies later arrested one of the men who dropped her off on drunken-driving charges. That man led police to a second man charged with supplying

the heroin. A search of the second man's home led to the other three arrests.

School suspends boy, 7, for toy gun

PA NEW KENSINGTON — The parents of a 7-year-old western Pennsylvania boy said he was suspended from school — and could be expelled — after telling a teacher that he accidentally brought a toy gun to school.

Chris Simak and Jennifer Mathabell said their son, Darin Simak, was suspended from Martin School in New Kensington Tuesday.

Mathabell said the boy left his regular book bag at a friend's house, so she packed him another one, not realizing the toy was in it. The boy's parents said Darin immediately gave it to a teacher because he knew it was against the rules. The boy faced an expulsion hearing Friday.

New Kensington-Arnold superintendent John Pallone wouldn't comment. The district's policy calls for a one-year expulsion for "replicas of weapons" but also al-

lows the superintendent to modify the punishment on a case-by-case basis.

No charges for man who drove with corpse

MI WARREN — Police said a Detroit-area man won't face charges after he failed to immediately tell authorities that his girlfriend had died during a drive to Michigan from Arizona.

Warren police Deputy Commissioner Louis Galasso said the case involved some "bizarre" judgment and behavior, but wasn't criminal.

Ray Tomlinson, 62, said he kept driving after 31-year-old Christine Gilbert died. He said he had his 92-year-old mother in the van and wanted to get her home. The Clinton Township man said he also feared arrest and wanted to get the body to a Michigan morgue.

Officers arrived Tuesday at his son's home in Warren to find the corpse in the front passenger seat wearing a seat belt and sunglasses.

From wire reports

LIFESTYLE

IN THIS CORNER

(and in every other corner of this house)

Prizefighting memorabilia collector has been amassing sports artifacts for over 35 years



Rocky Marciano wore these gloves while defending his heavyweight title against Roland LaStarza in 1953.

By DALE ROE
Austin (Texas)
American-Statesman

Prizefighting memorabilia collector Donald Scott examines a turn-of-the-century portrait of Young Peter Jackson, with his arms folded, left eye closed and ear half chewed off. "It says pride and determination and makes a visual statement about the sport that none other I have seen can," Scott says. He believes the portrait was taken in 1900 after Jackson's fight with Mysterious Billy Smith and, like many such photos, probably wound up on the wall of a bar.

One could excuse Donald Scott for handling his collection with kid gloves.

Scott, a retired official with the Federal Job Corps program who collects prizefight memorabilia, lives in the Austin, Texas, area with his wife, Rachel, and two dogs, Gans (named after lightweight champion Joe Gans) and Gypsy. If you guessed that the dogs are boxers, ding! ding! ding! — you win this round.

His living room walls are filled with historic photos of prizefighters and events, many of them signed. A large coffee table in the room has multiple drawers full of pins, programs and other memorabilia. A nearby cupboard binder after binder of boxing artifacts.

"What you see here is just scratching the surface



PHOTOS BY RESHMA KIRPALANI, AUSTIN (TEXAS) AMERICAN-STATESMAN/MCT

Donald Scott shows off his boxing collection, which he has amassed over the past 36 years, at his Austin, Texas, home on April 28. The collection, which he describes as "textured" and "diverse," includes memorabilia dating from the 1880s through the 1960s, with a concentration on pre-1920s items.

of the collection," says Scott, a contagiously friendly man with salt-and-pepper hair, a close-cropped beard and glasses. With a few more years and a few extra pounds, he could pass for Santa Claus (if Santa enjoyed watching guys pummel the tar out of each other for cash and glory).

When he's not smiling or laughing, Scott is doling out interesting facts, anecdotes and frank observations.

"That's John L. Sullivan in later years," he says, pointing to a photo he's placed in a shrine of sorts to three early heavyweight champions — Sullivan, "Gentleman" Jim Corbett and "Ruby" Robert Fitzsimmons. "He didn't live much past about 1915, I think. He really porked up."

Scott began collecting prizefight memorabilia in 1978 and claims to have one of the largest such collections in the world. A lifelong collector, Scott obtained his first pieces of boxing memorabilia by trading away his extensive baseball card collection.

"I just got caught up," he says. "I mean, I'm out of control. My wife is a saint."

His fondness for prize-

fighting stems from his childhood, when he and his father would watch boxing matches on television. One of Scott's prized possessions is a pair of gloves worn by Rocky Marciano while the fighter defended his heavyweight title at New York City's Polo Grounds stadium on Sept. 24, 1953. In his youth, Scott idolized Marciano and he remembers watching this particular televised fight with his father.

Ninety-nine percent of Scott's collection is pre-1964, and the bulk of it dates to before the 1920s. It includes souvenir fight scarves, trading cards that used to come in packs of cigarettes, tickets, robes, championship belts and practically any other type of boxing artifact imaginable.

In addition to collecting, Scott has published *Boxing Collectors' News*, a newsletter and website for collectors, since 1988 (boxingcollectors.com). He has attended every International Boxing Hall of Fame induction ceremony since the Canastota, N.Y., facility opened and presents a collectors' lecture during that weekend. Finally, Scott's expertise comes in handy as he conducts appraisals of material donated to the IBHOF.

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From the 1880s through the 1910s, these highly collectible cards with pictures of boxers could be found in packs of certain brands of cigarettes.



This featherweight championship belt was won by boxer Willie Pep in a late 1945 rematch with Sandy Saddler at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

LIFESTYLE



Carlos Perez centers himself during a yoga class for inmates at the California State Prison in Sacramento, Calif., in April. The class is offered through the nonprofit Yoga Seed Collective outreach program. "I get so much out of it," another prison inmate, Richard Robinson, said. "I get a sense of peace. Having a prison yoga program is way outside the box. The more I got into it, the more I found peace and calm."

Program brings yoga to California prison inmates

By CYNTHIA H. CRAFT
The Sacramento Bee

Each week, Zack Pasillas hops behind the wheel of his car and drives off to seek the pleasure and satisfaction of teaching yoga to a group of adults he's identified as his very best students.

Never mind that to reach them, Pasillas must pass through barred, locked metal gates and several uniformed security inspectors demanding duplicate IDs. Never mind that he must cross a dismal, barren yard devoid of greenery, toward the building called C Facility, erected with all the architectural finesse of a massive, Third World concrete box.

Never mind that his prize pupils are a captive audience. Literally.

This is yoga class California State Prison, Sacramento-style, with thin blue yoga mats and scratchy gray woolen blankets set out in rows to accommodate perhaps 20 students at a time. A prominent sign at the head of the gymnasium says: "WARNING: No warning shots will be fired in this area. Warden." The gym once brimmed with inmates and stacked bunks, with barely room to nudge. But prison-overcrowding regulations took care of that, and the cavernous room is now back to being a recreation hall.

Pasillas, 35, couldn't feel more fulfilled than when he's at the prison. Dressed all in black, he was accompanying yoga instructor Iwona, a Polish-born, British-accented teacher who would narrate and lead the in-



PHOTOS BY LEZLIE STERLING, SACRAMENTO BEE/MCT

Yoga instructor Iwona, right, and Zack Pasillas, outreach director with the Yoga Seed Collective, teach a weekly yoga class inside the California State Prison in Sacramento, Calif.

mates in a rigorous program of physically challenging poses. Pasillas was to stay by her side, demonstrating the poses at the front of the class.

"It's kind of exciting to have a role in trying to bring the right healing to the right group," he said. "These men here are having realizations in a really powerful way. It's really inspiring to see, and it's convinced me that transformation is real."

Likewise, inmates at this Level IV facility near the famous Folsom Prison respond to the lessons with authenticity, respect and an earnest devotion to absorbing what Vinyasa yoga has to offer.

"Wow," responded Richard Robinson, when asked his thoughts. "I get so much out of it. I get a sense of peace. Having a yoga program is way outside the box. The more I got into it, the more I found peace and calm."

"What I am learning is that everything starts from the inside out, instead of outside in," Robinson said. "It's not living in the past or pining for something in the future. It's learning to live in the moment. Life works the same way. The more you practice these new things in life, the more you benefit."

Robinson, 39, is an introvert, he said, serving a life sentence for attempted murder, a crime he did not commit, he told the state parole board. "The application of yoga and meditation is really grounding. The fact that I'm in here for something I didn't do used to bug me. Now I have inner peace. I can accept we are where we are. Everything happens for a reason."

Robinson, it turns out, is one of the lucky ones; he's able to attend both twice-a-week yoga classes. Others, namely opposing Latino gang members of the rival Northreners and Southerners factions, cannot occupy the same gym, or a bloody melee would erupt. So the Northreners take the class only on Tuesdays, and the Southerners on Thursdays.

Pasillas is a founder and the outreach director of the nonprofit Yoga Seed Collective in Sacramento, which is devoted to sharing the practice's benefits with underserved populations, such as veterans, diabetic American Indians, LGBT community members, inmates and patients at the Sutter Center for Psychiatry. He also teaches at California State Prison, Solano.

Pasillas' bona fides include 200 hours of yoga teacher training and high school classroom management. He's currently working through a 500-hour yoga therapy program, so he can tap yoga and mindfulness for those who've suffered trauma.

"I've seen some of my favorite students end up in prison, incarcerated, because they don't have the same resources and support as others," Pasillas said. "I'm really driven to try to break that cycle."

But back to C Facility. The class here is an offshoot of the Prison Yoga Program founded by James Fox at San Quentin State Prison, where inmates have been learning yoga and mindfulness practices since 2002. Pasillas, Iwona (whose last name is withheld for her personal security) and other teachers he recruits have all been trained in the Prison Yoga Program system.

The ancient art of yoga is decidedly different on the inside than it is on the outside. Prison Yoga Program teachers, Pasillas said, "are less open-ended in what we do as a group. In the prison, we're addressing nonviolence and impulse control, not patronizing our customers. We have to be completely aware and attuned to the gang culture for safety reasons. In extending our leadership, we acknowledge that nature may have led them to this path that they don't want to be on any more."

Ninety minutes is quite a while to keep up with the fast-paced, challenging cycle of positions called out by Iwona on a recent day. But these inmates, buff, tattooed, physically fit, moved with military-like precision. Iwona led them through the downward facing dog, uncoupled planks, side planks (supporting themselves with just one arm), cobra, child and warrior I and warrior II poses, among others.

"Part of the yoga practice is to be with what is, practice being present and allowing things to be as they are," she told her students. "There's a saying in yoga that what goes around, comes around. I'm offering this time to you to support you." And, always, the emphasis on breathing. "Yoga is the process. It's not the destination. It might take many practices before we have our moment. If your intention is there, this will carry you."

Already, after more than a year and a half at California State Prison, Sacramento, Pasillas has noticed change in some inmates. Kevin Lewis, 45, of Oakland is one of these inmates. Lewis was found guilty of second-degree murder and has been locked up for 20 years.

"Yoga gives me a way to combat the things going on in The Yard," Lewis said. "If you can relax through the painful positions, you can relax through painful situations in life. It also helps spiritually and keeps you calm and tolerant."

LIFESTYLE

By NICOLE BROCHU
(Fort Lauderdale, Fla.)
Sun Sentinel

Lift the rollaway gates on some South Florida storage facilities, and a serene life emerges.

The men and women huddled inside are not just storing old photo albums and family heirlooms. They're living among them.

With nowhere else to go, these homeless have found temporary shelter in the one place that feels like home: the rented unit holding the last of their possessions.

For the Young family and their pet dog, "home" was a 10-by-15-foot unit at Uncle Bob's Self Storage in Hollywood, Fla. A county away, Marty Tortorella and his drifter friends hid out on cold nights in a Public Storage facility in Lake Worth, Fla.

Illegal and risky, the unorthodox living arrangement is both comforting and frightening — with time spent dodging night managers, sleeping among reminders of a lost life and praying the secret hideout stays secret. It rarely does.

"If you're like a ghost, you can maintain for quite a while," Tortorella said. "And I was like a ghost."

While the practice is not being tracked, law enforcement and social service officials who deal with these are not

isolated incidents. The storage industry agrees it does happen. When the Sun Sentinel visited dozens of storage facilities over two recent months, the vast majority of managers and front desk workers said they know homeless people will try to live in their rented unit. Many are evicted.

"Sadly, we're not social workers. Our hands are tied," said Diane Piegza, vice president of corporate communications at Uncle Bob's. "It's not just against our policy, it's against the law. You cannot live in a storage unit."

"We just found ourselves being there"

The transformation from storage unit to overnight hideout evolved gradually for the Youngs, homeless after the short sale closed Jan. 15 on their house in Pembroke Pines.

At Uncle Bob's Self Storage was a convenient place to store baby photos, treasured trinkets and whatever else the family of five could cart out the door of the three-bedroom, two-bath house they shared for 16 years.

When Daphne Young signed the Uncle Bob's rental agreement at the end of January, she said, she never expected to violate the stipulation that prohibited "any human to inhabit" the property.

"We kept looking for a place to stay, and the shelters were full," said Daphne, 52.

At first, the couple, their three



Greg and Daphne Young relax at Uncle Bob's Self Storage in Hollywood, Fla., in February, where they lived temporarily with their three sons and dog after losing their home in January.

Inset: The Youngs' son, Kyle, sits with the dog, Bruno, inside the family's storage unit.

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL LAUGHLIN, (FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.) SUN SENTINEL/MCT

Affordable housing that comes at a cost

With nowhere to turn, some homeless are taking up shelter in storage units

adult sons and Bruno the dog spent their days riding around in a rattle-trap 2001 Mercury Sable — pillows stashed in the back window, sleeping bags on the floor. They slept in the car at parks, a Wal-mart or Memorial Hospital Pembroke across the street from Uncle Bob's.

Every day, they'd visit the unit to retrieve clothes, thumb through a photo album and be close to their valuables.

"And then we just found ourselves being there," Daphne said, "using their restroom like it was our restroom, and eating right there."

The unit was a gift: the \$186 rent for February covered by Operation Sacred Trust, a program to end homelessness among veterans. Her husband, Greg, 50, is a disabled vet who injured his back in a paratrooping exercise in 1982.

Once a medical assistant, Daphne said she was laid off in 2011. Their three sons — Connor, 18, Kyle, 20, and Adam, 22 — have not been able to find jobs, she says.

They say they all live on the \$1,000 a month Greg gets in veterans and Social Security disability benefits. It barely pays for ride-around gas, occasional groceries and 49-cent McDonald's hamburgers, eaten on the hood of the Sable in front of their unit.

For a while, they kept up the appearance of following the rules. They made sure the car was off the property after hours and tried to look busy when visiting the unit by day.

Slowly, they got bolder. The three sons began sleeping there, among the clutter of boxed-up memories. All taller than 6 feet, they couldn't take another night folded up in the back of the Sable, they said.

A community of sorts

The sweltering heat, the sound of gnawing rats and the tempting aroma from a neighboring barbecue joint kept them awake most nights. There was no air conditioning, no light, no electrical outlets. Not even a fire alarm to summon help if needed.

That scared Daphne and Greg. After a few nervous nights, they started parking the car protectively in front of the unit at all hours of the night, with Bruno keeping watch from the back seat, barking at anyone who ventured too close.

"We're not the only ones here," Daphne said late one February night. "There are others here doing the same thing."

Kyle said he'd try to block out the raised voices of a couple arguing in the unit on the other side of the thin metal wall. The Youngs, and other renters who spoke to the Sun Sentinel on condition of anonymity, also took notice of a man who drove his red truck through the gates every night right before the 10 p.m. deadline. He'd sleep in the truck in front of his unit, they said, then leave early the next morning.

Then there was the usual morning rush, when the Youngs took turns at the only public bathroom on the property, often waiting as others washed up at the sink or brushed their teeth.

In what passed as a community of sorts, they did what neighbors do — shared tips on evading detection and stayed out of one another's business. They shared something else, too: a sense of doom. Because sooner or later, they knew they'd get caught, and risked losing what little they had left.

It wasn't long before the Youngs got their first warning. A manager opened the unit door one night, Daphne said, and discovered the three sons sleeping inside. One more violation and they were out, they were told.

The family, though, made themselves more conspicuous by the day.

The second warning came just a week after the first, with an eviction notice that gave them 10 days, until Feb. 28, to gather up their things and get out.

Piegza, of Uncle Bob's, called the Youngs' predicament "heart-breaking" but said the company had no choice in ending their lease.

"Certainly, anyone who falls into that sort of situation, how can you not feel for them? It's an awful situation," she said. "But at the end of the day, to live in a storage unit goes above and beyond

the contract. It's not safe. It's not sanitary."

And it's a serious liability hazard. "There's no climate control, no fire alarm," Piegza said. "What worse thing can there be than something happening to a family because they were staying in a storage unit?"

"We know it's happening"

The homeless are hiding out in storage facilities "more often than you think, especially with families, because where do they go?" said Ezra Krieg, program director at the Senator Philip D. Lewis Center homeless resource facility in West Palm Beach.

Krieg said he knew of several clients who admitted to living in their storage rental.

Storage industry officials say rental squatting is not a widespread problem, though they know it lurks in the shadows.

Marc Smith, treasurer and national director of the Alexandria, Va.-based Self Storage Association trade group, called it an occasional reality some in the business

do.

"Unfortunately, in tough times, we find that people try to adapt."

It's so sad," said Smith, president of Personal Mini Storage, based in Orlando.

"It's a terrible thing to have to kick someone out of their home."

"To live in a storage unit goes above and beyond the contract. It's not safe. It's not sanitary."

Diane Piegza, Uncle Bob's Self Storage

"Where am I supposed to go?" I don't know where they're supposed to go, but they can't stay here."

Diana Stanley, CEO of The Lord's Place, a homeless assistance organization in West Palm Beach, said those "who call a storage unit their home" aren't always so willing to be helped.

"Unfortunately, sometimes people are not ready to let go of their possessions," which is often required when moving into a homeless shelter or subsidized apartment, she said. "It's the reminder of what used to be, and the help was difficulty letting go."

"And then there are those who have animals they don't want to give up," she added. "That's one of the things that breaks my heart the most."

For the Youngs, it's Bruno, the pet Havanese they rescued from a shelter two years ago. They're not willing to part with him now. And after all they've been through, they're not willing to split up the family by going to different shelters, Daphne said.

Without their makeshift "home" at Uncle Bob's, the Youngs are there" on the streets. They need another unit at nearby Pembroke Pines Self Storage, but it's smaller, inside the building on the fourth floor, with additional layers of security.

Rather than risk losing everything with another eviction, they're back to living in the Sable, the pillows stuffed in the back window, with Bruno keeping watch.

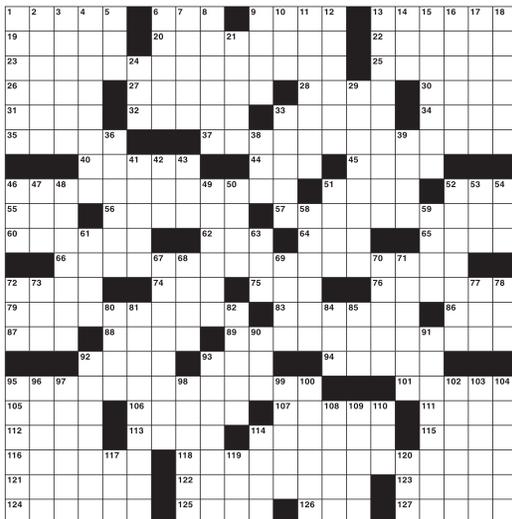
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MOVIES



A wild, raunchy adventure

Theron, MacFarlane venture into new territory in comedy 'A Million Ways to Die in the West'

BY REBECCA KEEGAN
Los Angeles Times

The day after the premiere of their new comedy, "A Million Ways to Die in the West" — and an afterparty that rolled on until 4 a.m. — Seth MacFarlane and Charlize Theron were each recovering in their own ways. He slept in and ate a grilled ham and cheese sandwich; she went to yoga and sipped green tea.

"I feel like such a loser," Theron said, joining MacFarlane in the bar of a Beverly Hills, Calif., hotel. "If I can go to yoga, I did not do it right."

"No, you did it right," MacFarlane said, clutching his head. Theron stared at her obviously suffering director and costar and laughed so loudly the sound reverberated through the bar and carried over a pianist playing "Tiny Dancer."

MacFarlane and Theron have an easy rapport, which they deploy with gusto in "A Million Ways to Die in the West." In the raunchy, R-rated Western comedy, their outsider characters discover a shared hatred

of life on the frontier, with all of its violence and discomfort.

"At the core of this movie's premise is that if you're not an alpha male, what can you do out there?" said MacFarlane, who also wrote the film, with Alec Sulkin and Wellesley Wild. "You're just gotta keep your head down."

Both are venturing into new territory with "A Million Ways to Die in the West." MacFarlane, 40, delivers his first starring film role, as Albert, a sheep farmer ill-suited to life in 1852 Arizona.

Theron, 38, is taking her first dip into a straight-up comedy as Anna, the dissatisfied wife of a notorious outlaw (Liam Neeson) who blows into town just as Albert is smarting over a breakup. Anna teaches Albert to shoot and to stand up for himself, helping him recover after his girlfriend, Louise (Amanda Seyfried), leaves him for a smarmy groomer of mustaches (Neil Patrick Harris).

Both MacFarlane and Theron like Westerns for different reasons. For a guy who built his career on

satire, MacFarlane has a surprising affection for sincere characters like "Gunsmoke's" Matt Dillon and "High Noon's" Will Kane.

"These were just good guys, earnest good guys," MacFarlane said. "I think that's what's missing from popular culture today. You can have edgy jokes, but it really becomes much more satisfying if you have a backbone of earnestness."

Theron is partial to the landscapes and to the element of survival in darker Westerns like "Unforgiven." Of the two, Theron, who grew up in South Africa, seemed better equipped for a dust-and-rain-whipped 70-day shoot in Utah and New Mexico than MacFarlane, who is from Kent, Conn. When she talked him into getting a Vitamin B-12 shot from the set medic, he bruised and she didn't.

"That's probably just circumstantial," she said. "Now I'm just like an old princess. I'm not 20 anymore."

The movie's women — Theron's sun-lit sidekick, Seyfried's prissy ex-girlfriend, an industrious hooker

played by Sarah Silverman — run the gamut. As with Mila Kunis' character in "Ted," Theron's beauty and affection for the movie's flawed leading man sometimes strains credibility but also helps his case. When she laughs at MacFarlane's joke about her "cans," she makes it OK for the audience to do so too. Or at least that's the theory.

"It's what Edith Bunker used to do for Archie," MacFarlane said. "It makes it OK for you to like him."

MacFarlane said he feels blown back from audiences but from journalists.

"The press is very easily offended," he said. "It's the outrage industry. The rest of the country, they're fine. They'll laugh. They're OK with it. I don't operate in the way that I want to please the critics. That's like putting a puppet show on for your parents. You want as many people to see it as possible, as many people to enjoy it as possible, and the audience at large is OK with that stuff."

When a beautiful, mysterious woman (Charlize Theron, left), rides into town, she helps a cowardly sheep farmer (Seth MacFarlane, right), find his courage in the comedy "A Million Ways to Die in the West."

GADGETS & CHARTS



LIONSGATE/AP

A touring exhibition based on "The Hunger Games" movies, starring Jennifer Lawrence and Josh Hutcherson, will include "interactive displays of authentic costumes, props and other elements."

'Hunger Games' exhibition takes movie props on tour

By STEVEN ZEITCHIK
Los Angeles Times

Looking to get into the branded and live-event biz that has been so good to franchises like Harry Potter, Lionsgate announced May 30 it is launching "The Hunger Games: The Exhibition" and will tour it around the U.S.

The tour will include a range of material from and concerned with the Jennifer Lawrence franchise — "interactive displays of authentic costumes, props and other elements" from the Katniss smashes as well as "artifacts featured in the films from locations within the Capitol and the various Districts of Panem."

The extension is being designed in conjunction with live-event company Thinkwell and aims to be in "major museums and institutions across the country."

Lionsgate has also hired Thinkwell's Jennifer Brown to the newly created post of senior vice president, branded attractions, which will have her "explor[ing] additional theme park attraction and other location-based entertainment opportunities" for "Hunger Games" and various Lionsgate properties.

There's a strategic logic to the move. A number of bigger studios see major revenue and easy syn-

ergies with rides tied to movies and movies stemming from rides — Disney and Universal have been mining this for years, the latter not just with its own films but with dedicated parks such as The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, licensed from Warner Bros. Though a mid-major, Lionsgate wants in on the act now.

"Now that we've built a critical mass of intellectual property, we're committed to extending our brands into exciting new businesses that create opportunities for our fans to engage with our properties at the same time they deliver significant incremental financial benefits to Lionsgate," Tim Palen, the company's chief marketing officer, said in a statement.

Of course, "Hunger Games" is pretty dark stuff, so it will be interesting to see what the company chooses to incorporate, and how it does so — there's a limit to how much killing in the Arena you can simulate in a presumably family-oriented attraction.

Also, will enough people care about "The Hunger Games" to turn out to an extension like this?

A third movie is on its way in November, and like the two previous titles, it will doubtless be hugely popular, but it's still a far cry from "Potter"-level popularity.

GADGET WATCH

More gift ideas for Dad, or treats for yourself

By GREGG ELLMAN

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

Here's another round of suggestions for Father's Day gifts, or just a cool gift for yourself.

The Retrospective Laptop Case from Think Tank Photo is being called a "retro-inspired alternative" series of over-the-shoulder laptop cases.

They come in two sizes (13L and 15L) with an old-school look and the great Think Tank durability, comfort and craftsmanship with quality zippers and padded, adjustable shoulder straps.

The bag has multiple compartments, the main able to hold a laptop (13 or 15 inches) while a rear pocket is designed to hold a tablet.

In front of the padded laptop divider is room for just about any other item one could need to carry, from folders and paperwork to cables and chargers.

There's another front zippered compartment along with a front sided area, which is held closed by Velcro straps that won't make that obnoxious Velcro sound because of the world-famous Think Tank Sound Silencer.

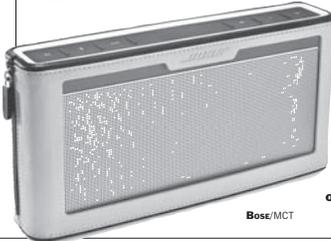
Inside the Velcro compartment are pockets for pens and business cards along with a key tether and a raincoat — for the bag, not you.

Something I never thought of (since I'm not a bag designer), is how a shoulder bag can put wear and tear on the clothing it rubs against. For that reason, Think Tank has incorporated a smooth back panel to reduce the wear and tear.

Online: thinktankphoto.com. Retrospective 13L \$149.75 and the 15L is \$159.75, both available in blue slate, pine stone and black.

The wireless (Bluetooth) SoundLink III speaker, introduced by Bose earlier this year, stands out in the crowded shelves of Bluetooth speakers.

Bose, which calls this its "best-performing Bluetooth speaker ever," is known for the incredible sound clarity of its products. The speakers sound amazing — even at the highest volume levels — and the quality justifies the premium costs.



Bose/MCT

"Four neodymium transducers and dual-opposing passive radiators combine with a new digital signal processing algorithm" to produce the sound, according to Bose.

All the expected features are built-in, and on the top of the device is a row of controls, including power, volume and an easy Bluetooth pairing mode. The SoundLink III remembers the six most recent devices you paired it up with, eliminating the need to go through the process over and over.

The back side has ports for charging, connecting a device via the aux in port and a microUSB port for firmware updates — not charging.

Bose says the SoundLink III's battery is good up to 14 hours. Covers for the device are available in blue, green, gray, orange and pink. It weighs 3 pounds and measures 10-by-5-by-2 inches.

Online: bose.com; \$299

The BBQ Dragon is one of the few products in recent times that made me actually read the instructions, mainly to ensure the only thing I was to set on fire was the contents of the grill.

In a nutshell, it's a hands-free contraption you clip on the side of your grill; it lights the charcoal or wood in a safer manner than having a flame flare up in your face with a liquid starter.

Once the spring-loaded clamp is attached to the side of the grill and turned on, the battery-operated accessory fan produces a steady stream of fire-fueling oxygen onto the charcoal or whatever is being used to cook dinner.

A foot-long stainless steel neck separates the fan from the clamp and can be angled in any direction.

The temperature can be controlled with a dial located on the handle. With the BBQ Dragon it takes just about 10 minutes to get the grill ready.

Four AA batteries are included, or you can purchase rechargeable NiMH batteries, which can be recharged with the built-in microUSB port.

Online: bbqdragon.com; \$49.99



BBQ DRAGON/MCT

The Bose SoundLink Bluetooth speaker III plays louder and longer than its popular predecessor, and a colorful assortment of optional covers let you personalize your speaker.

ITUNES MUSIC

Top 10 albums on iTunes for June 4:

1. "Platinum," Miranda Lambert
2. "Animal Ambition: An Untamed Desire To Win" (Deluxe), 50 Cent
3. "Unstoppable Love," Jesus Culture
4. "Ghost Stories," Coldplay
5. "Fire With Me," Bindi
6. "Road Between" (Deluxe Edition), Lucy Hale
7. "If/Then: A New Musical" (Original Broadway Cast Recording), Original Broadway Cast of If/Then: A New Musical
8. "In the Lonely Hour" (Deluxe Version), Sam Smith
9. "The Fault in Our Stars," (Music From the Motion Picture), Various Artists
10. "Just As I Am," Branley Gilbert

— Compiled by MCT

SPOTIFY MUSIC

The top streamed tracks on Spotify from May 26 to June 1:

1. Iggy Azalea, "Fancy"
2. Ariana Grande, "Problem"
3. Calvin Harris, "Summer"
4. Disclosure, "Latch"
5. Nico & Vinz, "Am I Wrong"
6. Coldplay, "A Sky Full of Stars"
7. Jason Derulo, "Wiggle (feat. Snoop Dogg)"
8. MKTO, "Classic"
9. DJ Snake & Lil' Jon, "Turn Down for What"
10. M.A.G.I.C.I., "Rude"

— Compiled by The Associated Press

ITUNES MOVIES

Top 10 movies downloaded from the iTunes store for June 4:

1. "Lone Survivor"
2. "RoboCop"
3. "300: Rise of an Empire"
4. "The Grand Budapest Hotel"
5. "The Monuments Men"
6. "The Lego Movie"
7. "Inside Llewyn Davis"
8. "3 Days to Kill"
9. "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty"
10. "Frozen"

— Compiled by MCT

VIDEO GAMES

Game Informer Magazine ranks the Top 10 games for June:

1. "Mario Kart 8," Wii U
2. "Watch Dogs," PS4, Xbox One, PS3, 360, PC
3. "Wolfenstein: The New Order," PS4, Xbox One, PS3, 360, PC
4. "Transistor," PS4, PC
5. "Super Time Force," Xbox One, 360
6. "Tropico 5," PC
7. "MLB 14: The Show," PS4, PS3, Vita
8. "Kirby: Triple Deluxe," 3DS
9. "The Walking Dead Season 2 Episode 3 — In Harm's Way," PS3, 360, PC, iOS
10. "2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil," PS3, 360

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APPS

Top 5 new paid apps for June 4:

- ANDROID
1. Monument Valley
 2. Warms 3
 3. R.B.I. Baseball 14
 4. Neon Glow — Icon Pack
 5. Dragon Quest VIII
- Top 5 paid apps for June 4:
- APPLE
1. Minecraft — Pocket Edition
 2. Toca Town
 3. Disney Karaoke: Frozen
 4. Battleheart Legacy
 5. Frozen: Storybook Deluxe

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

GM recalling autos over air bag defect

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — General Motors is recalling more than 89,000 autos because of air bag defects and other problems.

The automaker said Friday that it is recalling 31,520 model year 2012 Buick Verano and Chevrolet Camaro, Cruze and Sonic compact cars because the air bags might not deploy. GM said at least one person was hurt in a related crash.

The problem affects a small metal tab called a shorting bar, which is designed to keep the air bag from deploying while it is being installed in the car. GM says the shorting bar in the affected cars may come into contact with the air bag electrical terminals. If that happens during a crash, the air bag won't deploy. GM has already recalled 7,116 vehicles related to the problem.

GM also said Friday that it is recalling 61 model year 2013-2014 Chevrolet Sparks and 2013 model year Buick Encores because of



LM OTERO/AP

An auto worker inspects finished vehicles coming off the assembly line at the General Motors auto plant in Arlington, Texas.

passenger air bag defect and 33 model year 2014 Chevrolet Corvettes because a short circuit could disable air bags and also affect seatbelts.

General Motors Co. is also recalling 57,512 other autos because the base radio may not work. That part sounds a warning if the key

is in the ignition when the driver's door is opened or if a front seat belt is not buckled. The recall affects 2014 model year Chevrolet Silverado LDs, 2014 GMC Sierra LDs and 2015 Silverado HDs, Tahoe, Suburbans, GMC Sierra HDs, Yukons and Yukon XLs.

Since February GM has re-

called 2.6 million cars due to an ignition switch problem that the company says is linked to at least 13 deaths. The problem affects older-model Chevrolet Cobalts, Saturn Ions and other small cars. The flaw could result in the engine shutting off, disabling the power-assisted steering and brakes, making it difficult to control the car and deactivating the air bags.

Friday's recalls are not related to that flaw.

MARKET WATCH

June 6, 2014

Dow Jones Industrials	88.17
Nasdaq composite	25.17
Standard & Poor's 500	8.98
Russell 2000	11.27
	1,165.21

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (June 8)	\$1.4008
Dollar buys (June 8)	€0.7139
British pound (June 8)	\$1.72
Japanese yen (June 8)	¥100.00
South Korean won (June 8)	₩997.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6812
Canada (Dollar)	1.0931
China (Yuan)	€2.2003
Denmark (Krone)	5.4668
Egypt (Pound)	1.1516
Euro	\$1.3247/0.7328
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.1526
Hungary (Forint)	€21.79
Israel (Shekel)	3.4586
Japan (Yen)	102.53
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2818
Norway (Krone)	5.3448
Philippines (Peso)	43.51
Poland (Zloty)	3.30
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7508
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2515
South Korea (Won)	1,020.00
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8932
Thailand (Baht)	32.49
Turkey (Lira)	0.1277

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance. For Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Philippines and the United Kingdom, for nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates used for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.75
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.03
30-year bond	3.44

WEATHER OUTLOOK

SUNDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



SUNDAY IN EUROPE



MONDAY IN THE PACIFIC



Sunday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chattanooga	87	65	Rain	Fort Wayne	76	58	Cldy	Louisville	78	63	Cldy	Pocatello	77	45	Cir	Sioux City	74	56	Cldy
Arlene, Texas	68	58	Cldy	Cheyenne	62	41	Cldy	Fresno	106	74	Cir	Lubbock	85	63	Cir	Portland, Maine	80	62	Cir	Sioux Falls	70	53	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	72	59	Cldy	Chicago	70	55	PCldy	Goodland	70	52	Cldy	Macon	89	71	Cldy	Portland, Ore.	77	56	PCldy	Spokane	74	54	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	85	60	Cir	Cincinnati	74	59	Rain	Grand Junction	84	51	PCldy	Madison	73	51	Cldy	Providence	82	63	Cldy	Springfield, Ill.	79	52	Cir
Albuquerque	86	62	PCldy	Cleveland	73	57	Cldy	Grand Rapids	77	65	Cldy	Medford	90	56	Cldy	Pueblo	73	51	Cldy	Springfield, Mo.	76	62	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	87	59	PCldy	Colorado Springs	67	46	Cldy	Great Falls	72	49	PCldy	Memphis	86	69	Rain	Raleigh-Durham	86	67	Cldy	Syracuse	87	59	PCldy
Amarillo	78	60	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	88	70	Cldy	Green Bay	71	49	PCldy	Miami Beach	86	76	Cldy	Rapid City	57	43	Rain	Tampa	90	76	PCldy
Anchorage	61	48	Cldy	Columbia, Ga.	90	74	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	84	68	Cldy	Midland-Odessa	89	69	Cldy	Reino	91	60	Cir	Topeka	78	63	Cldy
Ashville	79	61	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	73	59	Rain	Harrisburg	84	63	Cldy	Milwaukee	66	50	Cldy	Richmond	87	66	PCldy	Tucson	100	71	Cldy
Atlanta	87	72	Cldy	Concord, N.H.	84	63	Cir	Hartford Springfield	87	63	PCldy	Missoula	77	48	Cldy	Rochester	84	59	PCldy	Waco	90	73	Cldy
Atlantic City	85	59	Cldy	Corpus Christi	94	78	PCldy	Helen	75	48	PCldy	Ms-St Paul	72	54	Cir	Rockford	80	67	Cldy	Wichita Falls	87	68	Cldy
Austin	87	72	Cldy	Dallas-Ft Worth	90	72	Cldy	Honolulu	87	75	Cldy	Mobile	89	75	Cldy	Sacramento	81	64	Cldy	Wilmington, Del.	84	63	PCldy
Baltimore	84	66	PCldy	Dayton	75	58	Cldy	Houston	91	75	Cldy	Montgomery	92	71	Cldy	St Louis	82	66	Cldy	Yonkers	85	64	Cldy
Baton Rouge	90	73	PCldy	Daytona Beach	90	73	Cldy	Huntsville	87	70	Rain	Nashville	85	66	Cldy	St Petersburg	89	77	Cldy	Youngstown	75	57	Cldy
Bilings	71	51	Cldy	Denver	72	48	Cldy	Indianapolis	77	60	Rain	New Orleans	89	74	PCldy	St Thomas	89	80	Cir				
Birmingham	89	70	Rain	Des Moines	75	60	Cldy	Jackson, Miss.	92	71	PCldy	New York City	86	64	Cldy	St Thomas	89	80	Cir				
Bismarck	70	46	Cldy	Detroit	76	58	Cldy	Jacksonville	89	71	Cir	Newark	86	65	Cir	Salem, Ore.	79	52	Cldy				
Boise	82	53	Cir	Duluth	69	49	Cldy	Juneau	56	46	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	84	67	PCldy	Salt Lake City	77	55	Cldy				
Boston	80	64	Cir	El Paso	100	73	Cir	Kansas City	77	62	Cldy	North Platte	69	50	Cldy	San Antonio	95	72	Cldy				
Bridgeport	83	62	Cir	Elkins	78	61	Rain	Key West	87	78	PCldy	Oklahoma City	83	67	Cldy	San Antonio	93	75	Cldy				
Brownsville	92	78	PCldy	Erie	73	60	Cldy	Knoxville	85	64	Cldy	Omaha	76	60	Cldy	San Diego	74	65	PCldy				
Buffalo	81	61	PCldy	Eugene	78	50	PCldy	Lake Charles	89	74	PCldy	Orlando	93	72	Cldy	San Francisco	82	57	Cldy				
Burlington, Vt.	86	61	Cir	Evansville	78	64	Cldy	Lansing	76	54	Cldy	Paducah	81	66	Cldy	San Jose	88	66	PCldy				
Caribou, Maine	81	59	PCldy	Fairbanks	74	50	Cldy	Las Vegas	105	81	Cir	Pendleton	84	54	Cldy	Santa Fe	81	52	Cldy				
Casper	81	39	PCldy	Fargo	73	51	PCldy	Lexington	76	61	Rain	Peoria	88	58	PCldy	St Ste Marie	64	42	Cldy				
Charleston, S.C.	87	70	PCldy	Flagstaff	83	42	Cir	Lincoln	74	60	Cldy	Philadelphia	87	63	PCldy	Savannah	88	72	Cldy				
Charleston, W.Va.	84	64	Rain	Flint	76	54	Cldy	Little Rock	85	68	Rain	Phoenix	107	79	Cir	Seattle	73	54	Cldy				
Charlotte, N.C.	86	66	Rain	Fort Smith	81	67	Rain	Los Angeles	82	65	Cir	Pittsburgh	76	61	Rain	Shreveport	90	73	Cldy				

National temperature extremes
Hi: Fri., 116, Death Valley, Calif.
Lo: Fri., 25, Daniel, Wyo.

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College baseball

NCAA super-collegians

Best school is Game 1 home team; visiting school is Game 2 home team; coin flip determines Game 3 home team
At Jim Patterson Stadium
Louisville, Ky.
Friday: Louisville 5, Kennesaw State 3
Saturday: Louisville 4, Kennesaw State 4 (20-23 vs. Louisville 60-15)
Sunday: Kennesaw State vs. Louisville

At Hawkins Field

Nashville, Tenn.
Friday: Vanderbilt 11, Stanford 6
Saturday: Stanford 34-25 at Vanderbilt
Sunday: Stanford vs. Oklahoma State

At Stillwater, Okla.

X-Sunday: Oklahoma State vs. Louisville
Friday: Louisville 5, Oklahoma State 4
Saturday: Oklahoma State 4, Louisville 46-17
Sunday: Oklahoma State vs. Oklahoma State

At UFCU Ditch-Falk Field

Austin, Texas
Friday: Texas 4, Houston 2
Saturday: Houston 48-17 vs. Texas (42-22 vs. Houston 20-15)

At Davenport Field

Charlottesville, Va.
Saturday: Maryland 39-21 at Virginia (47-13 vs. Virginia 20-15)

At M.L.L. Tupper Moore Field

Lafayette, La.
Saturday: Mississippi State 44-18 at Louisiana-Lafayette 57-50
Sunday: Mississippi State vs. Louisiana-Lafayette

At Charlie and Marie Lupton Stadium

Fort Worth, Texas
Saturday: Pepperdine at TCU
Sunday: Pepperdine vs. TCU
X-Monday: Pepperdine vs. TCU

At Lubbock, Texas

Saturday: College of Charleston 44-17 at Texas Tech 43-19
Sunday: College of Charleston vs. Texas Tech
X-Monday: College of Charleston vs. Texas Tech

Deals

Friday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLS — Placed RHP Mike Gonzalez on the 15-day DL retroactively to May 29. Recalled reliever Benji Blum from Bowie (DL). Selected the contract of RHP Evan Meek from Norfolk (IL).
NEW YORK PIRATES — Signed RHP Jonathan Niese from Norfolk (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Activated INF Carlos Santana from the 7-day DL. Optioned INF Jesus Aguilar to Columbus.
MINNESOTA TWINKLES — Signed RHP Ryan Sweeney from Norfolk (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Acquired LHP Justin Anderson from the 15-day DL. Made considerations. Designated OF Kent Matthews for assignment.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Selected the contract of RHP Eddie Butler from Tulsa (IL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned INF Eric Serrano from Albuquerque (IL). Designated LHP Cesar Jimenez for assignment.
ST. LOUIS BRUINS — Designated LHP Cesar Jimenez for assignment.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Placed 2B Jed Rollins on the 15-day DL.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Activated RHP Matt Cain from the 15-day DL. Designated LHP Matt Cain for assignment.
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
MINNESOTA TWINKLES — Named Fred Saunders coach.
UTAH JAZZ — Named Quin Snyder coach.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Released LB Quentin Grimes.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed DE Jadeveon Clowney.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Fired coach Dan Bylsma. Named Jim Rutherford general manager.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer
SEATTLE SOUNDERS — Loaned G Josh Ford to Orange County (USL Pro).
TORONTO FC — Acquired F Dominic Oduro from Columbus for F Alvaro Rey.

Auto racing

WinStar World Casino & Resort 400

NASCAR Camping World Trucks
At Texas Motor Speedway
Fort Worth, Texas
Long Lap Length: 1.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1 (2) Matt Crafton, Toyota, 167 laps, 147.2 rating, 48 points, \$52,000
2 (1) Justin Lofton, Chevrolet, 167 laps, \$12,000
3 (6) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 167, 83.1, \$1,262.10
4 (9) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 167, 126.1, 41, \$21,100
5 (9) John Wes Townley, Toyota, 167, 82.7, 39, \$15,270
6 (9) John Hornaday Jr., Chevrolet, 167, 107.3, 39, \$13,100
7 (4) Johnny Sauter, Toyota, 167, 60.6, \$7,812.00
8 (16) Bryan Salesi, Chevrolet, 167, 103.7, \$12,000
9 (19) Joey Coulter, Chevrolet, 167, 69.1, 25, \$12,250
10 (7) Darrell Wallace Jr., Toyota, 166, 90.9, 34, \$13,265
11 (4) Kevin Harvick, Toyota, 166, 102.2, \$13,911.50
12 (1) Jack Burton, Toyota, 166, 84.8, \$3,117.65
13 (1) Jeffrey Malsam, Chevrolet, 166, 84.5, 31, \$11,725
14 (18) Ben Kennedy, Chevrolet, 166, 70.0, \$12,630
15 (17) Tyler Young, Chevrolet, 166, 54.9, \$5
16 (13) Brennan Newberry, Chevrolet, 165, 54.1, \$1,450
17 (23) Jimmy Weller II, Chevrolet, 165, 43.8, 27, \$11,360
18 (17) L.J. Bell, Chevrolet, 163, 41.3, 26, 11, \$11,710
19 (42) Mason Mings, Toyota, 156, 45.1, 25, \$9,880
20 (14) David Huff Jr. Cobb, Chevrolet, 154, 36, 24, \$10,415
21 (12) Tyler Reddick, Ford, 148, 61.5, 23, \$11,400
22 (26) Norm Benning, Ford, 148, 61.5, 23, \$11,400
23 (8) German Gorgona, Toyota, engine, 51, 61.6, 21, \$8,520
24 (18) Timothy Peters, Toyota, accident, 51, 41.1, 20, \$8,430
25 (19) Matt McLeod, Chevrolet, engine, 13, 31.8, 19, \$8,490
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27 (27) Ryan Hill, Chevrolet, vibration, 3, 30.1, 18, \$8,250

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Crafton earns second victory of season

The Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Matt Crafton raced to his second NASCAR Camping World Truck victory of the season Friday night, running the final 61 laps at Texas Motor Speedway on one tank of fuel.

The defending series champion led 118 of 167 laps on the 1½-mile track, and beat pole-sitter Justin Lofton by a race-record 13.202 seconds.

"It's awesome to be able to do it in this fashion," Crafton said. "We marched through them. We had a brand new motor package from Triad and they stepped up as well. I'm just lucky enough to drive it."

Crafton's ThorSport Racing Toyota ran out of fuel on the way to Victory Lane.

"They said it was going to be close," Crafton said. "It's hard to save when you have such a fast truck. ... This truck was really, really good. I could go anywhere I wanted to and run however I wanted to."

Also the winner in March at Martinsville, Crafton regained the lead in the season standings — moving 11 points ahead of teammate Johnny Sauter. Crafton has five victories in 322 career series starts.

Joe Nemechek finished third, followed by Ryan Blaney, John Wes Townley, Ron Hornaday Jr., Sauter, Bryan Silas, Joey Coulter and Darrell Wallace Jr.

In other auto racing news:

■ Denny Hamlin won the pole the first time he ever raced at Pocono Raceway. Eight years later, Hamlin still had the speed in the No. 11 Toyota to take the top spot at the triangle track in Long Pond, Pa.

Hamlin turned a track record-lap of 181.415 mph Friday to win the NASCAR Sprint Cup pole, a throwback to the times he dominated qualifying at one of his best tracks.

Kurt Busch starts second for a needed lift for his Stewart-Haas



BRAD LOPER, THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS/AP

Matt Crafton hoists the trophy in victory lane Friday after winning the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race in Fort Worth, Texas.

Racing team. Busch has otherwise struggled outside of the one win that all but locked him into the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

Brad Keselowski, Kevin Harvick and Jeff Gordon completed the top five.

■ IndyCar Series points leader Will Power will start on the pole at Texas for the second consecutive year.

Power had a two-lap average of 218.896 mph in qualifying Friday at the high-banked, high-speed 1½-mile track in Fort Worth,

Texas, for his 34th career pole. Josef Newgarden qualified second for Sarah Fisher Hartman Racing at 217.835 mph. That was just ahead of Chip Ganassi Racing driver Tony Kanaan.

Crane shoots 65, takes early lead at St. Jude

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Ben Crane shot a 5-under 65 on Friday to open a six-stroke lead in the St. Jude Classic before heavy rain delayed play twice and forced the suspension of play for the day.

Crane birdied his final hole Thursday night for a 63 and rolled in a 44-footer for birdie to start the second round Friday morning. He had a 12-under 128 total at TPC Southwind, matching the winning score in relation to par last year.

Carl Pettersen and Jason Bohm were tied for second. Pettersen had one hole left, and Bohm had two to play. Davis Love III (70) and Billy Horschel (68) were in at 5 under.

Phil Mickelson and Retief Goosen were unable to start the second round. Mickelson followed with a 67 on Thursday, and Goosen had a 66.

■ In other golf news: Defending champion Hee Young Park and Shanshan Feng topped the second-round leaderboard Friday in the LPGA Tour's Manulife Financial Classic in Waterloo, Ontario, a stroke ahead of Michelle Wie.

Park had a 5-under 66 to match Feng at 11-under 131 at Grey Silo. Feng shot a 66.

Wie, the winner in Hawaii in April, followed her opening 65 with a 67. She's seeking her second victory in Canada after winning the 2010 Canadian Women's Open in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Anna Nordqvist, a two-time winner this year, was 9 under after a 64 — the best round of the week.

■ Russ Cochran and Kenny Perry teamed to birdie the final

three holes for a share of the lead with Jeff Sluman and Fred Funk on Friday in the Champions Tour's Legends of Golf in Ridge-dale, Mo.

The leaders were at 10-under 61 after their better-ball rounds on the Buffalo Ridge course. In Savannah, Ga., last year, Sluman teamed with Brad Faxon to win the Champions Division.

Other players opened at Top of the Rock, the first par-3 course used in a PGA Tour-sanctioned event. The teams of Tom Watson-Andy North, Nick Faldo Eduardo Romero and Craig Stadler-Kirk Triplett had the best rounds there, finishing at 5-under 49 after nine holes of alternate shot and nine of better ball.

In the Legends Division for players 65 and older, Bruce Fleisher and Larry Nelson took the lead with a 62 at Buffalo Ridge. The teams of Jack Nicklaus-Gary Player, Lee Trevino-Mike Hill and Graham Marsh-John Bland shot 1-over 55 on the par-3 course, the site of the final rounds.

Jazz hire Snyder as new head coach

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Jazz announced Friday that they have hired Atlanta Hawks assistant coach Quin Snyder to replace Tyrone Corbin, who was let go earlier this year after three-plus seasons as the head coach in Salt Lake City.

Snyder most recently completed his first season as an assistant with Atlanta. He has also been an assistant with the Los Angeles Lakers, Philadelphia 76ers and Los Angeles Clippers.

He was the head coach at Missouri for seven seasons, from 1999 to 2006, leading the Tigers to four NCAA tournaments. That included an Elite Eight appearance in 2002.

Snyder succeeds Corbin, who was not offered a new contract. Corbin went 112-146 in Salt Lake City.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

Newest star in Hollywood

Defenseman Doughty gaining fame and popularity while becoming a leader with Kings

By DAN GREENSPAN

The Associated Press

In a city overflowing with movie stars, television personalities, musicians and every other kind of celebrity imaginable, Drew Doughty enjoyed a degree of anonymity that other high-profile players in the NHL or any professional sports league could only dream of.

But after leading the Los Angeles Kings to their second Stanley Cup finals in the past three seasons, the defenseman is finally getting noticed around town.

"It's changed drastically," he said. "Back in the day we could roll in anywhere, and there's no way anyone would know who you were, no possible way. Now it seems like everywhere we do go, we are getting recognized."

The New York Rangers know all about Doughty, too, after he showcased his burgeoning offense midway through the second period of Game 1 on Wednesday.

After forward Justin Williams dropped off the pass, Doughty skated through the offensive zone — taking the puck between his legs at one point — and beat Henrik Lundqvist over the goalie's right shoulder for the tying goal.

"It was incredible," Kings forward Tyler Toffoli said. "It doesn't really surprise us, we know what he brings and the skill that he has."

The Kings went on to win 3-2 in overtime, taking the next step toward what could be the franchise's second Stanley Cup title.

The first in the 2011-12 season was relatively drama-free and defined by a smothering defense, in stark contrast to this year, where the top scoring offense in the playoffs has allowed the Kings to triumph in three consecutive Game 7 series, all ending on the road.

The difference in Doughty's statistical output reflects as much. He has 17 points this postseason to lead all defensemen and is tied for sixth-most among all players, with five goals representing exactly half of his regular-season tally. However, his plus-minus rating is down significantly from the 2012 run, as his increased role in the offensive zone has resulted in breakdowns the other way.

One such example came in the first period of Game 1 when Doughty reached and failed to secure a

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Alec Martinez

Los Angeles Kings defenseman

pass back to the blue line on a power play, which gave Rangers left wing Benoit Pouliot an easy breakaway down the ice for a 1-0 lead.

Kings coach Darryl Sutter said before the Stanley Cup finals that Doughty is still finding that balance as a two-way weapon, while also playing nearly 28 minutes per game. Still, Sutter views the 24-year-old as a cornerstone player in the same mold as greats Nicklas Lidstrom and Chris Chelios.

"I think Chelios was the best all-around defenseman that I

had the opportunity to coach," said Sutter, referencing his time with the Chicago Blackhawks. "So I'd say that Drew would be trending more toward that type of player in terms of the all-around part of it, in terms of the whole package part of it."

With two Olympic gold medals and one Stanley Cup to his credit, Doughty already has a résumé worthy of such praise.

"He's the best defenseman in the world, as far as I'm concerned," Kings defenseman Alec Martinez said. "He does everything well. He can skate the puck, shoot the puck. He can defend. He's willing to block shots. He's got a lot of heart and he's a great leader, makes big plays at big times. You really can't say enough about him."

And with such accomplishments, everything Doughty does is getting noticed these days. His celebration after the Kings won Game 7 in overtime to oust the defending champion Blackhawks has become widely circulated on social media, slamming the glass with two fists before flailing to the ice while going over the boards.

Even former Kings teammate Dustin Penner couldn't help but take a playful jab at Doughty.

"Great game by @dewyy8 so far. Hasn't fallen off the bench once yet since last game," Penner



Stanley Cup finals

(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)
Los Angeles 1, N.Y. Rangers 0
Los Angeles 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT
Saturday: at Los Angeles
Monday: at N.Y. Rangers
Wednesday: at N.Y. Rangers
x-Friday: at Los Angeles
x-Monday, June 16: at N.Y. Rangers
x-Wednesday, June 18: at Los Angeles

wrote on Twitter during Game 1.

Not much else is going wrong for Doughty, even if comes at the cost of his privacy. That is a trade he is more than willing to make. Said Doughty: "I'd rather have the problem and be a winner than not have the problem and lose."



Drew Doughty loved playing in Los Angeles because he could live unnoticed in a non-hockey town. But after two Olympic gold medals and a Stanley Cup title, the Kings' defenseman has lost his anonymity.

CHRIS CARLSON/AP

SOURCE: The Associated Press

Did you know

Drew Doughty was drafted second overall by the LA Kings in the 2008 NHL Draft behind Steven Stamkos, taken by Tampa Bay.

McDonagh is Rangers' 'Mack Truck' on defense

By LANCE PUGMIRE

Los Angeles Times

The tipping point in the Stanley Cup finals very well could be which premier defenseman can most effectively continue his inspired postseason run.

Like the Los Angeles Kings' Drew Doughty, the New York Rangers' Ryan McDonagh is listed at 6-foot-1, 213 pounds. Each is 24, and a former first-round draft pick who plays an abundance of minutes for the respective Stanley Cup finalists.

"He's got a lot of speed; that allows him to think offense and get back to play defense," Doughty said. "I know I've got to be a better player than him."

In Game 1, McDonagh — known as "Mack Truck" to his teammates — played a game-high 31 minutes, 12 seconds and contributed an assist with four hits and three blocked shots.

Doughty won the war, overcoming a turnover that set up the game's first goal by tying the score after a nifty move in the second period.

The Kings went on to win in overtime, 3-2. "I think (McDonagh) sees it as a great matchup, and a great opportunity to show what kind of player he is," Rangers forward Carl Hagelin said. "Everyone in here knows ... He's a machine out there. He's good every night, plays hard, is extremely smart with his stick. Very good at frustrating the other team."

Down the stretch of a 14-goal, 43-assist season, McDonagh was bashed into the boards in Vancouver by Alex Burrows on April 1 and suffered a left-shoulder injury.

McDonagh didn't have a point through the first 10 playoff games and was minus-five in goal differential through 11 as the Rangers fell behind, three games to one, against Pittsburgh.

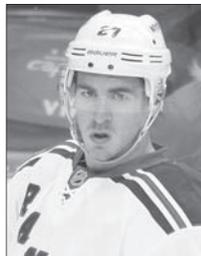
"It wasn't about my health as much as it was me trying to find the right mental approach —

my timing, my speed, making the right reads," McDonagh said Friday on the eve of Game 2, scheduled for 4:15 p.m. at Staples Center.

His goal and assist sparked a 5-1 Game 5 victory over Pittsburgh, and his defense in front of star goalie Henrik Lundqvist helped New York outscore Sidney Crosby and Co. 10-3 over the final three games.

McDonagh peaked in the Eastern Conference finals against the Montreal Canadiens, who drafted him 12th overall in 2007. They traded him two years later for center Scott Gomez and others in a deal that has been hailed as the finest in the tenure of New York General Manager Glen Sather.

Entering that series with far less fanfare than Montreal star defenseman P.K. Subban, McDonagh contributed two goals and a series franchise-record eight assists, and played more than 25 minutes in four of the six games to lead the Rangers back to the Stanley Cup finals for the first time in 20 years.



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New York Rangers defenseman Ryan McDonagh

MLB SCOREBOARD

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NL roundup

Rizzo's blast lifts Cubs by Marlins

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Anthony Rizzo stayed at the plate for an extra second as his towering drive headed toward right field. The big first baseman just wanted to make sure it was fair before he got started on one enjoyable trip around the bases.

Rizzo hit a two-run homer in the 13th inning and the Chicago Cubs beat the Miami Marlins 5-3 on Friday for their season-high fourth consecutive victory.

"I think they're playing with a lot of confidence right now and they're continuing to pick each other up," Cubs manager Rick Renteria said. "I think they're starting to feel and know they can do this. You don't want every game to be like this, but they're doing it right. We'll take it."

The Cubs recovered after closer Hector Rondon blew a three-run lead in the ninth, earning their first four-game winning streak since last July 6-9. Rizzo also had a two-run double in the eighth and Jason Hammel pitched seven shutout innings.

Carlos Villanueva (2-5) pitched two perfect innings for the win. Chris Coghlan and Nate Schierholtz each had two hits.

Garrett Jones had three hits for Miami.

Phillies 8, Reds 0: Cole Hamels pitched into the eighth inning as he stayed unbeaten against host Cincinnati, and Jimmy Rollins moved closer to Philadelphia's hit record with a solo homer.

Philadelphia ended its longest

losing streak of the season at three games. Cincinnati dropped its third straight.

Dodgers 7, Rockies 2: Dee Gordon tripled twice among his three hits and drove in three runs as visiting Los Angeles handed Colorado its eighth straight defeat.

Hanley Ramirez had two hits and stole two bases, and Justin Turner also had two hits.

Nationals 6, Padres 0: Tanner Roark pitched three-hit ball for eight innings and struck out a career-high 11 and Anthony Rendon hit a two-run homer to lead visiting Washington over floundering San Diego.

The Nationals won their fourth straight and for the sixth time in seven games.

Giants 4, Mets 2: Buster Posey hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the eighth inning and host San Francisco won for the eighth time in 10 games by beating New York.

Pirates 15, Brewers 5: Russell Martin had three hits, including a three-run double during an eight-run sixth inning, as host Pittsburgh rolled to a victory over Milwaukee, handing nemesis Kyle Lohse his first loss since April 1.

Braves 5, Diamondbacks 2: Craig Kimbrel got the final four outs to break John Smoltz's franchise record for career saves with 153 in Atlanta's victory over host Arizona.

Jason Hayward drove in three runs, two with a homer, and Andrew Simmons doubled in a run for the Braves.



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The Chicago Cubs' Anthony Rizzo celebrates as he rounds the bases after hitting the game-winning, two-run home run in the 13th inning of Friday's 5-3 victory over the Miami Marlins in Chicago.



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

The Tampa Bay Rays' Kevin Kiermaier lines a fourth-inning double off Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Chris Young during Friday's 4-0 win in St. Petersburg, Fla.

AL roundup

Rays shut out Mariners to snap 10-game skid

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The free-fall is over for the Tampa Bay Rays.

Erik Bedard struck out eight in six innings and the Rays stopped a 10-game losing streak by beating the Seattle Mariners 4-0 Friday.

The skid tied Boston for the longest in the majors this season. The Red Sox dropped 10 straight from May 15-25, with Tampa Bay handing them the last three losses in the streak. This was the Rays' first victory since then.

"The music is back on in the clubhouse after the game," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said. "It's good to hear the music. It's a good first game to start hopefully getting us back in the right direction."

Bedard (3-4) scattered four hits and walked one in ending a three-start losing streak. Jake McGee, Joel Peralta and Grant Balfour, who gave up a ninth-inning single, all went one inning to complete a five-hitter.

"It's way more fun winning," Bedard said. "We celebrated, and hopefully we do that tomorrow, too."

After Jose Molina got his first RBI this season on a fourth-inning sacrifice fly, Tampa Bay went ahead 3-0 in the fifth on an RBI bunt single by Desmond Jennings and Yunel Escobar's run-scoring single off Chris Young (5-3).

Young gave up three runs, seven hits and five walks over five innings for the Mariners, who had their five-game winning streak snapped.

"This is one of those days we

didn't play very well on either side of the baseball and those things happen," manager Lloyd McClendon said.

The Rays loaded the bases with two outs in the second, but failed to score when Molina popped out to shortstop Brad Miller. Dating to last season, it was Molina's 100th consecutive at-bat, including 87 this year, without an RBI.

Tigers 6, Red Sox 2: Ian Kinsler and Torii Hunter hit back-to-back homers in the fifth inning and Victor Martinez cleared the fences in the eighth, helping host Detroit beat Boston to end a season-high five-game losing streak.

Drew Smyly (3-4) allowed two runs on five hits over six innings. He struck out four and walked only one.

Yankees 4, Royals 2: Chase Whitley pitched seven innings for his first career win, Brian McCann drove in three runs with a timely double as visiting New York beat Kansas City.

Brian Roberts drove in a run for the Yankees, who finally gave their young right-hander some support. Whitley (1-0) had allowed five earned runs in his first four starts, and left two of them with the lead, only for his team to saddle him with a series of no-decisions.

Athletics 4, Orioles 3, (11): Pinch-hitter Stephen Vogt singled in the tiebreaking run in the 11th inning, and visiting Oakland got home runs from Josh Donaldson and Derek Norris in a victory over Baltimore.

Chris Davis and Manny Machado homered for the Orioles.

Rangers 6, Indians 4: Michael

Choice hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning after ace Yu Darvish blew a four-run lead and host Texas snapped Cleveland's six-game winning streak.

Choice, who had an RBI single in a four-run second, went the opposite way just over the right field wall against Marc Rzepczynski (0-2) with two outs for a solo homer.

Lonnie Chisenhall and Asdrubal Cabrera homered off Darvish to wipe out a 4-0 deficit.

Astros 5, Twins 4: Dallas Keuchel shut out Minnesota for six innings and George Springer hit his 11th home run as Houston held on to beat host Minnesota.

Marwin Gonzalez and Matt Dominguez also homered off Phil Hughes (6-2), who lost for the first time in nine starts. The Astros have won six straight road games and 10 of their last 13 overall.

Angels 8, White Sox 4: Kole Calhoun homered and drove in three runs, Albert Pujols also went deep and host Los Angeles beat Chicago behind Jered Weaver.

Weaver (7-4) won for the sixth time in eight starts, allowing two runs, five hits and four walks in six innings. His teammates stacked him to a 7-1 lead through four.

Interleague

Blue Jays 3, Cardinals 1: Jose Bautista and Brett Lawrie each homered and Brock Marcus Stroman won his second straight start as host Toronto beat St. Louis for its sixth straight victory.

The Cardinals turned their first triple play in nine years but still lost for the eighth time in 10 games.

FRENCH OPEN

Twice: Halep has Sharapova work for crown

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then looked to her team in the stands before shaking hands with Halep at the net.

Once the formalities were done, she climbed into the stands for some hugs and kisses.

Sharapova also won the title at Roland Garros in 2012, completing a career Grand Slam. She lost in last year's final to Serena Williams.

Halep, who was ranked only 57th heading into last year's French Open, was playing in her first major final.

"It's my first Grand Slam speech, so emotionally it's really difficult for me," Halep said, addressing the crowd after the match. "But I wish to have many more. But of course this one will be very special for me all my life."

Neither Sharapova nor Halep was able to hold serve consistently, with 16 combined breaks of serve in the match.

In the 10 games of the final set, there were five breaks. And at one point, the pair went on a run of six straight breaks of serve, starting with the final four games of the second set and ending after the first two of the third.

Sharapova often looked to be in control, even in the tiebreaker. She led 5-3, two points from victory, but then lost the next four points to even the score at one set apiece.

The match lasted 3 hours, 2 minutes, the longest French Open women's final since 1996 when Steffi Graf beat Arantxa Sanchez 10-8 in the third. It was also the first women's final in Paris to go three sets since Jennifer Capriati beat Kim Clijsters 12-10 in the third in 2001.

While Sharapova has been a star on the tour for a decade now, the 22-year-old Halep has only recently risen up the rankings and will move to No. 3 on Monday.

She had a great run at Roland Garros. Playing in the main draw at the clay-court major for only the fifth time, the 2008 French Open girls' champion reached the final without dropping a set.



MICHEL EULER/AP

Romania's Simona Halep clenches her fist after scoring a point Saturday during the women's final of the French Open against Russia's Maria Sharapova at Roland Garros stadium in Paris.



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Serbia's Novak Djokovic needs only a French Open title to complete the career Grand Slam when he competes in Sunday's final.

Motivation in men's final

Djokovic seeks first title in France, while Nadal goes after record ninth

By HOWARD FENDRICH

The Associated Press

PARIS — This is what Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic wanted. It's what they expected. And now they'll meet in a French Open final with so much at stake for both.

Nadal is seeking championship No. 9 at Roland Garros, and his 14th major title overall. Djokovic is hoping to finally conquer the French Open and complete a career Grand Slam. Fittingly, whoever wins the rivals' 42nd head-to-head meeting Sunday will be ranked No. 1 on Monday; the runner-up will be No. 2.

"He has the motivation to win Roland Garros for the first time, for sure. But at the same time, he has the pressure to win for the first time," Nadal said. "I have the pressure that I want to win — and the motivation that I want to win — the ninth."

In Friday's semifinals, the No. 1-seeded Nadal was at his imperious, and nearly immaculate, best in a 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 victory over Wimbledon champion Andy Murray that lasted all of 100 minutes. Nadal never faced a break point, converted all six he earned, and whipped his upercut of a forehand as only he can.

Toni Nadal, Rafael's uncle and coach, called the match "one of the best that he has ever played here."

That's sure saying something. Toni's nephew is 65-1 at the clay-court tournament and carries a 34-match winning streak into the final.

The thick, gray clouds and chill that became a staple these two weeks gave way to sunshine and warmth Friday, and Nadal revelled in it.

"For me, it's much better when the weath-

er is like today," he said. "My ball creates more topspin. The ball goes quicker in the air, and with my forehand I am able to create more with less."

All in all, Nadal made Murray look rather lost.

"You want to be competitive. You want to make it hard for him," Murray said. "I wasn't able to do that."

The No. 2-seeded Djokovic's semifinal was only slightly less perfunctory, a 6-3, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 victory over 18th-seeded Ernests Gulbis of Latvia that came first Friday, when the temperature hit 82 degrees.

Wrapping a neck towel around his neck during changeovers, Djokovic was brilliant through two sets, then faltered in the third, showing frustration by spiking a racket so hard he mangled it.

Djokovic has made no secret of the importance he places on a French Open title to add to the six majors he's won — four at the Australian Open, one each at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

No two men in the Open era, which began in 1968, faced each other as often as these two. Nadal leads 22-19 overall, 8-3 at majors, and 5-0 in the French Open — including victories over Djokovic in the 2012 final and 2013 semifinals.

But Djokovic won their last four matchups, including on clay in the final at Rome last month, which the Serb said boosted his belief in himself.

Still, Djokovic conceded, "I don't know



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Spain's Rafael Nadal is 65-1 in matches at the French Open and carries a 34-match winning streak into the final.

how much 'upper hand' I have, really. ... There is no doubt that he is the favorite to win the title."

Nadal's take? "Probably he will come to the match mentally a little bit better than me because he beat me the last four," said the Spaniard, who won Wimbledon and the U.S. Open twice each, and the Australian Open once, and can tie Pete Sampras at 14 major titles, behind only Roger Federer's record for men of 17. "But at the same time, my feeling is I am doing the things better, and I am playing better again."

NBA FINALS

Scoreboard



NBA Finals
(Best-of-seven; 3 if necessary)
San Antonio 1, Miami 0
Sunday at San Antonio
Tuesday at Miami
Thursday at Miami
x-Sunday, June 15: at San Antonio
x-Tuesday, June 17: at Miami
x-Friday, June 20: at San Antonio

Playoff leaders

Individual Leaders	Scoring	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	19	194	132	65.3	29.6
James, MIA	16	149	111	43.2	27.0
Harden, HOU	6	50	45	16.1	26.8
Westbrook, OKC	19	167	145	50.7	26.7
Aldridge, POR	11	113	69	28.8	26.2
Howard, HOU	6	58	40	15.6	26.0
DeRozar, TOR	6	45	71	23.9	25.9
Griffin, LAC	13	117	71	30.6	23.5
Curry, GOLD	7	51	37	16.1	23.0
Lillard, POR	11	44	25	22.9	22.9
George, IND	19	138	101	42.9	22.6
Johnson, BRO	12	38	56	21.2	22.2
Lowry, TOR	7	44	43	14.8	21.1
Ellis, DAL	7	52	27	14.3	20.4
Paul, LAC	13	92	41	25.7	19.8
Walker, CHA	4	26	14	7.8	19.5
Millsp, ATL	7	41	45	13.6	19.4
Plumlee, IND	6	46	71	11.5	19.4
Teague, ATL	7	44	38	13.5	19.3
Beal, WAS	11	75	39	21.1	19.2

FG Percentage	FGA	PCT
Johnson, TOR	34	51.5
Valanciunas, TOR	31	49.0
Ibaka, OKC	14	57.1
Gilson, CHI	32	57.0
James, MIA	149	26.6
Howard, HOU	58	10.6
Patterson, TOR	26	48.5
Johnson, BRO	38	54.3
Lee, GOLD	41	72.5
Duncan, SAN	129	24.4

Rebounds	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Howard, HOU	6	27	55	82	13.7
Neal, CHI	5	15	49	64	12.8
Jordan, LAC	13	43	120	163	12.5
Millsp, ATL	7	21	55	76	10.9
Aldridge, POR	10	30	87	117	10.6
Gortat, WAS	11	36	73	109	9.9
Walker, TOR	7	14	68	82	9.7
Jefferson, CHA	3	6	22	28	9.3
Lopez, POR	11	47	54	101	9.2
Lee, GOLD	7	24	40	64	9.1

Assists	G	AST	AVG
Paul, LAC	13	134	10.3
Curry, GOLD	7	59	8.4
Walters, OKC	19	123	6.5
Conley, MEM	7	55	7.9
Walt, WAS	11	78	7.1
Allard, POR	19	127	6.7
Walker, CHA	4	24	6.0
Harden, HOU	5	24	4.8
Williams, BRO	12	70	5.8
Vasquez, TOR	7	36	5.1

TEAM STATISTICS	Offense	G	Pts	AVG
Houston	6	672	113.0	
L.A. Clippers	13	1414	108.8	
Portland	19	1967	103.5	
Golden State	17	1745	106.4	
Portland	11	1147	104.3	
Oklahoma City	19	1947	102.5	
Dallas	7	708	101.1	
Miami	16	1582	98.9	
Memphis	6	577	96.7	
Toronto	7	673	96.1	
Brooklyn	12	1146	95.5	
Atlanta	4	67	92.4	
Charlotte	4	368	92.0	
Indiana	19	1740	91.6	
Washington	11	994	90.4	
Chicago	5	450	90.0	

Defense	G	Pts	AVG
Washington	11	984	89.5
Indiana	19	1759	82.6
Miami	16	1492	93.3
Atlanta	7	554	83.4
Chicago	5	473	94.6
Brooklyn	12	1162	96.8
Toronto	7	684	97.7
San Antonio	19	1869	98.4
Charlotte	4	407	101.8
Memphis	7	715	102.1
Dallas	7	722	103.1
Oklahoma City	19	1867	103.5
L.A. Clippers	13	1388	106.8
Portland	18	1861	110.5
Golden State	7	776	110.9
Houston	6	670	111.7

NBA calendar
June 16 — Draft early entry withdrawal deadline.
June 26 — NBA Draft.

LeBron fine with taking the heat

James shrugs off criticism after cramps, looks forward to Game 2

By MICHAEL LEE

The Washington Post

LSAN ANTONIO eBron James had seemingly escaped the cacophony, with two NBA championship rings and four MVP trophies yielding greater appreciation for his transcendent talents and shielding him from criticism and mockery.

But as James stood near his basket, paralyzed by a left leg cramp with roughly four minutes left in Game 1 of the NBA Finals, the harsh reaction on social media provided evidence his status as the best player in the game has only made him a greater target for derision.

James has always understood the downside of the deal that had to be made when he received his immense basketball gifts, that the scrutiny would be irrational at times.

Since the disappointing loss in the 2011 Finals to the Dallas Mavericks, James learned to shut out unnecessary distractions during the playoffs, but he remains plugged in by friends and family.

So he was aware of the ridicule from the Twitter accounts ranging from sports drink company Gatorade to NFL bullying victim Jonathan Martin after that poorly timed cramp forced him to be a spectator for the finish of the Miami Heat's 110-95 loss to the San Antonio Spurs.

"What everybody has to say — you guys should know me by now — I don't care, I really don't," James said Friday, refusing to mention his detractors by name.

"This is about the Spurs and the Heat, and it's not about everybody else. Man, I don't care."
Nearly 14 hours after his body betrayed him under the suffocating humidity of San Antonio's AT&T Center — where a bat once stormed the court, a snake once invaded the visitor's locker room and a malfunctioning air conditioning unit created unusual conditions for an NBA Finals game — James was able to walk the length of the court at the Spurs' practice facility, albeit with a slight limp.

James hadn't fully recovered from the muscle spasms and was sleep-deprived after taking 2½ bags of intravenous fluids and making repeated trips to the bathroom.

"My body just shut down,"

'I'll be all right. I'll be there on Sunday. I'm not hiding.'

LeBron James
Miami Heat forward

James said, explaining what happened. "Basically my body said, 'Okay, enough jumping for you for the night. You've had enough.' Nothing I could do about it."

James has had trouble with muscle cramps in the past, most notably in Game 4 of the 2012 NBA Finals, when he had to be carried off the court against the Oklahoma City Thunder, but returned to make a critical three-pointer to inspire a Heat victory.

The Heat medical and training staff has taken every precaution to prevent a recurrence, studying the science behind the problem of fluids, electrolytes and potassium required to keep him on the floor.

James sensed he could be in trouble Thursday because of how swiftly his jersey became drenched in sweat. He was wet.



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Game 2
Miami at San Antonio
AFN-Sports
2 p.m. Monday CET

caught on a television microphone joking with teammate Dwyane Wade. "They're trying to smoke us out of here."

James stayed hydrated throughout the game, drinking during every break, applying cold towels and ice packs. At halftime, James changed his entire uniform, something he has never done.

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said James even took seven pills to avoid cramping. At least three times, James asked to be taken out of the game because he could feel his body locking up.

"They were some extreme conditions," James said. "I've never played an NBA game like this was, as far as the heat. Not an excuse, but it was an extreme condition. I looked at the stands at one point, and I saw every last fan having fans, double entendre, waving fans, and I knew at that point, this is something different."

As the game wore on and his second jersey began to look more maroon than red from the loss of fluids, James started to fatigue. James missed jumpers on consecutive possessions and raised his hand, signaling to Spoelstra he needed a breather.

James hobbled to the bench with

7:31 remaining with the Heat leading by two. When he returned, Miami trailed 94-90. James quickly went around Boris Diaw for a layup, proving again to be a destructive, unstoppable force — until his leg stopped moving.

"I was disappointed in myself," James said after scoring a game-high 25 points. "I mean, I did everything that I needed to do to prepare for this game, prepare for this moment and, you know, to feel like my body failed me. I was angry in the fact that I couldn't help my team get over the hump. In a huge Game 1, wanting to make a statement. After I made that layup, we was down two. I couldn't be out there where I knew my team needed me the most. That was frustrating for sure."

With James crippled by the cramps, the Heat crumbled. Spoelstra said James was edging to get back into the game before he told him, "Not a chance."

"It was killing him being on that sideline, but you also have your health to look after," Spoelstra said. "Look, 99.9 percentile of people have never pushed their body to that level — at that level where you're past the point where your tank is empty and your body shuts down."

"That didn't spare James from questions about his physical and mental toughness and needless, incongruent comparisons to Michael Jordan's flu game in 1997 or Isiah Thomas' sprained ankle game in 1988. Thomas and Spurs big man Tim Duncan were among the many players who defended James while explaining the difficulty in developing cramps.

"From the outside, 'Oh, it's a cramp. Can't play through a cramp?' Until you're in that situation and you're in someone else's possession, you don't know what somebody else's body is going through," Wade said. "If a player like LeBron James coming out of the ballgame, down two, then it's serious."

Gatorade, which Wade endorsed, issued an apology and deleted the tweets about James on Friday. James endorses Gatorade rival Powerade but wanted to stay out of the fray and focus on evening up the series in Game 2.

"I'll be all right," James said. "Don't worry, you guys can talk about me as much as you want. I'll be there on Sunday. I'm not hiding."

Miami Heat forward LeBron James took 2½ bags of intravenous fluids to help combat severe cramps in Game 1.

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FRENCH OPEN


DARKO VOJNOVIC/AP

Russia's Maria Sharapova screams Saturday after scoring a point during the women's championship of the French Open at Roland Garros stadium in Paris.

Twice as nice

Sharapova wins second trophy in Paris

 By CHRIS LEHOURITES
The Associated Press

PARIS — Even though her serve failed her repeatedly, Maria Sharapova is a French Open champion once again.

Sharapova won her second title at Roland Garros in the last three years, overcoming 12 double-faults Saturday to beat fourth-seeded Simona Halep 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-4 in the final.

"This is the toughest Grand Slam final I've ever played," Sharapova said on court. "Really, this tournament

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means so much to me. It's a tournament, when I was young and growing up, I wanted to win.

"To think that I've won it two times is, I don't know. So emotional right now, I can't even talk."

Sharapova has struggled with her serve this week and was broken seven times in the final on Court Philippe Charrier. But she was able to hold off Halep, and hold her serve in the final game, with steady groundstrokes that kept the Romanian on the run.

After Sharapova's final forehand forced an error from Halep's backhand, the Russian dropped to her knees and buried her face in her hands. She

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Maria Sharapova holds the trophy after her second French Open title.

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