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D-Day Plus 70 Years: Tracing Footprints in the
 Fred Holbert, a veteran of the British Normandy invasion, walked one of the

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Late Edition

Today, sun and patchy clouds, breezy, a warm afternoon, high 78. Tonight, mostly clear, low 62. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, warm, high 82. Weather map is on Page B1.



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G.M. INQUIRY CITES YEARS OF NEGLIGENCE OVER FATAL DEFECT

Company Fires 15 in Handling of Ignition Tied to 13 Deaths — Chief Cleared

By BILL VIALI

WARREN, Mich. — A sweeping internal investigation of General Motors released on Thursday condemned the company for its decade-long failure to fix a deadly safety defect, one that led to “devastating consequences,” including at least 13 deaths.

The report, written by the former United States attorney Anton R. Valukas, set off the dismissal of 15 G.M. employees, including a vice president for regulatory affairs and a senior lawyer responsible for product liability cases, and forced broad changes in how the company handles vehicle safety.

The report illustrates, in un-

sparring detail how employees

Yearlong on-chassis tests Barra had had top lieutenant Mike Michael Millikin, the general counsel, of any wrongdoing in the long-delayed recall. And there was no evidence of a deliberate cover-up of the switch problem, according to Mr. Valukas.

“It seems like the best report money can buy,” said Senator Richard Blumenthal, Democrat of Connecticut, who had been highly critical of Ms. Barra at a hearing in April. “It absolves upper management, denies deliberate wrongdoing and dismisses corporate culpability.”

Sand

landing sites in Normandy, known as Gold Beach, Page A4.





Tense Search, Chilling Note And an Arrest

...scrawled letters
...at a stop sign

...he drew a smile
...two detectives
...called the right
...number. He

JIM DWYER

ABOUT NEW YORK ...
...in his waist
...in his pocket
...the Police
...spokesman

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...woman, killed in the East New
...York section of Brooklyn on Fri-
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...meet her friends after band prac-
...tice. A short distance away on
...Sunday afternoon, two children
...set upon as they rode the eleva-
...tor on their way to get a treat — a
...6-year-old boy knifed to death
...and a 7-year-old girl slashed
...within an inch of her life. And
...near dawn Wednesday, a 67-
...year-old man ... subway
...platform in the Chelsea sec-
...tion of Manhattan ...

Bergdahl Is Sai

By CHARLIE SAVAGE
and EIC SCHMITT

WASHINGTON — A classified
military report detailing the
Army's investigation into the dis-
appearance of Sgt. Bowe Berg-
dahl in June 2009 says that he
wandered away from as-
signed areas before — both at a
training range in California and
at his remote outpost in Afghan-
istan — and then returned ac-
cording to people briefed on it.

The 35-page report
completed two months after Ser-
geant Bergdahl left his unit, con-

CHESTER NEZ, 1921-2014

Words Washed From His Mouth Altered the War

MARGALIT FOX

To the end of his life, Chester
Nez recalled the first message he
sent on the radio while serving
at Guadalcanal: "Enemy ma-
chine gun nest on our right. De-
stroy."

Receiving the message, Ameri-
can forces eliminated the threat.

Mr. Nez, a United
States Marine who died on
Wednesday at 93, had sent the
message not in English but rath-
er in a code he had helped create.
It originally went much like this:
"Ahaar (Enemy) naatsosi (Japa-
nese) beeloooh ahaa dildon
(machine gun) mshnaajigo nah-
... (on your right flank).

d to Have History of Leaving Post

DEFENDING OFFICER

The defendant's attorney argued that...

Whether Sergeant Berglund...

...who never... back, or simply...

a recall, despite a mountain of evidence that lives were at risk. Although everyone had responsibility to fix the problem, nobody took responsibility. Mr. Velupras wrote. A chastened Mary T. Barra, G.M.'s chief executive, described the report as 'devastating' in a... leading with...

directly involved in G.M.'s failure to fix a faulty ignition switch that could cause vehicles to lose power and deactivate air bags. Since February, G.M. has recalled 2.6 million Chevrolet Cobalts and other small cars to fix... (Continued on Page B5)

G.M. Response To a Fatal Flaw Was to Shrug

...in a... Stout... Ried... Decker...



Susan Cummins... First Lt. Michael W. Latta... killed suicide last summer.

...executive... review a series... codes concerning... had been smol... G.M. for a decade... recall hun... of thousands of small cars... cause of a dangerous defect? But as the... flashed by... with technicians'... about air bags and ignition switches, the executives in the... concluded they still couldn't answer the most crucial question of all: How many people had died because of the problem? Despite years of internal studies, field reviews and legal settlements, they adjourned without recommending a recall. That meeting, on Dec. 17, 2013, was one of the final misfires in a decade of missed opportunities for G.M. to rectify a safety problem that was detected even before the first of the cars came on the market, according to an internal investigation of G.M.'s handling of the ignition switch issue. The report, which the company

War's Elite Tough Guys, Hesitant to Seek Help

...uniform; an... scribed a...



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slashed as he slept on a bench.
As of late Thursday, Mr. St. Hubert had been charged with the attacks on the children.

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A Man With a Violent Past

Daniel St. Hubert, 34, was charged with attacking two young children in a park in the city of St. Louis on Thursday.

Diltaah (Destroy)."

The code was fashioned from Navajo, the language that Mr. Nez grew up speaking, was later barred from speaking and still later helped craft into a military code so imperious that it helped the United States secure victory in the Pacific in the summer of 1945.

Mr. Nez was the last surviving member of the 29 original Navajo

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Settlement Stalls

Settlement talks for a peace deal between the United States and Russia have stalled.

Obama Leaves

The White House announced that President Obama will leave for Russia to meet with President Putin.

NATIONAL

A Healer's Roots

Sylvia Chantrel was confirmed as a member of the House of Representatives.

Deal Drafted on Veterans Care

In the wake of a scandal involving long waits at veterans' hospitals, two senators put forth a bipartisan deal to bolster veterans' health care.



BUSINESS DAY B1-9

Crazing in the Ruins

An urban farming expert is trying to turn a city's vacant spaces into productive farms.

Europe Digs In on D

Europe's central bank unveiled a plan to tackle sluggish growth and inflation, including unusual measures like a negative interest rate.

NEW YORK CITY - 20

Schwartz Seeks He

Mayor Bill de Blasio, an heir to the Prospect Park Y.M.C.A., visited a gym near Gracie Mansion.

By THOM SHANKER
and RICHARD A. O'NEAL Jr.

After his fourth combat tour in Afghanistan in 2011, Sgt. Michael B. Lube, a proud member of the Army Special Forces, came home alienated and angry. Once a rock-solid sergeant and devoted husband, he became sullen, took to drinking and started beating his wife.

but she told her as a shattered version of the man I knew," said his wife, Susan Lullman. She begged him to go to the VA but he refused, saying, "I'll lose my Security Clearance if I get thrown out." When she finally reached out to his superior officers for guidance, she said, she was told: "Keep it in the family. Deal with it." And she did. Last summer, just days after his 36th birthday, Sergeant Lube put on the vest

note, saying, "I'm so goddam tired of holding it together." Then he placed a gun to his head and pulled the trigger. To a growing number of medical experts and the Special Operations Command itself, suicides by soldiers like Sergeant Lube tell a troubling story about the toll of war on the nation's troops. For 12 long weeks, the forces, working most of the time

on Thursday turned over to federal regulators and lawmakers, is a tale of nonchalance, ignorance and incompetence with tragic
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Fight for Accountability
Outside G.M., some saw its industry as arding their case for compensation, rule changes and possibly prosecution. Page B1.
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New Leader for Hirshhorn
Melissa Chiu, the Asia Society Museum director, has been named director of the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, a Washington institution divided over leadership and finances. PAGE C2

'Macbeth' on a Vast Scale
The new "Macbeth" at the Park Avenue Armory, with Kenneth Branagh in the title role, conjures a world that's lonely and immense. A review. PAGE C1

SPORTS FRIDAY B10

Stang Up the Belmont Field
Racing writers take a look at all 11 horses in Saturday's Belmont Stakes, and conclude that the California Chrome's to lose. PAGE B13

EDITORIAL OP-ED A2

David Brooks

