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JOYCE YANG POSING
IN FRONT OF HER
FAVORITE ACCESSORY:
A PIANO

On the Clock

IN SOME HIGH-PRESSURE JOBS, A WATCH MEASURES MORE THAN JUST THE TIME. BY ERIC BUTTERMAN

We all feel like there are never enough hours in the day to get our jobs done, but these achievers don't just feel it – they live it. During a bull rider's eight seconds or a chess player's two-hour match, every tick-tock is critical. We asked a few hard-pressed workers for a moment of their precious time. ▶

Joyce Yang
Silver Medalist, Van
Cliburn International
Piano Competition

What's the hardest part about your job? The most important and difficult thing about being a concert pianist is that you have to be where the audience is and you have to travel a long way. Then, after all this time on the road you're expected to play your best even when you're feeling tired.

When are you under the most time constraints at work? No one tells me when I have to start practicing, or when I have to end. I'm never really done because it's always a work in progress. Time constraints come when I have to leave for a concert tour in a couple of days and still need to color a passage in the right way ... There's a subtle difference between playing something mechanically and truly feeling the music.

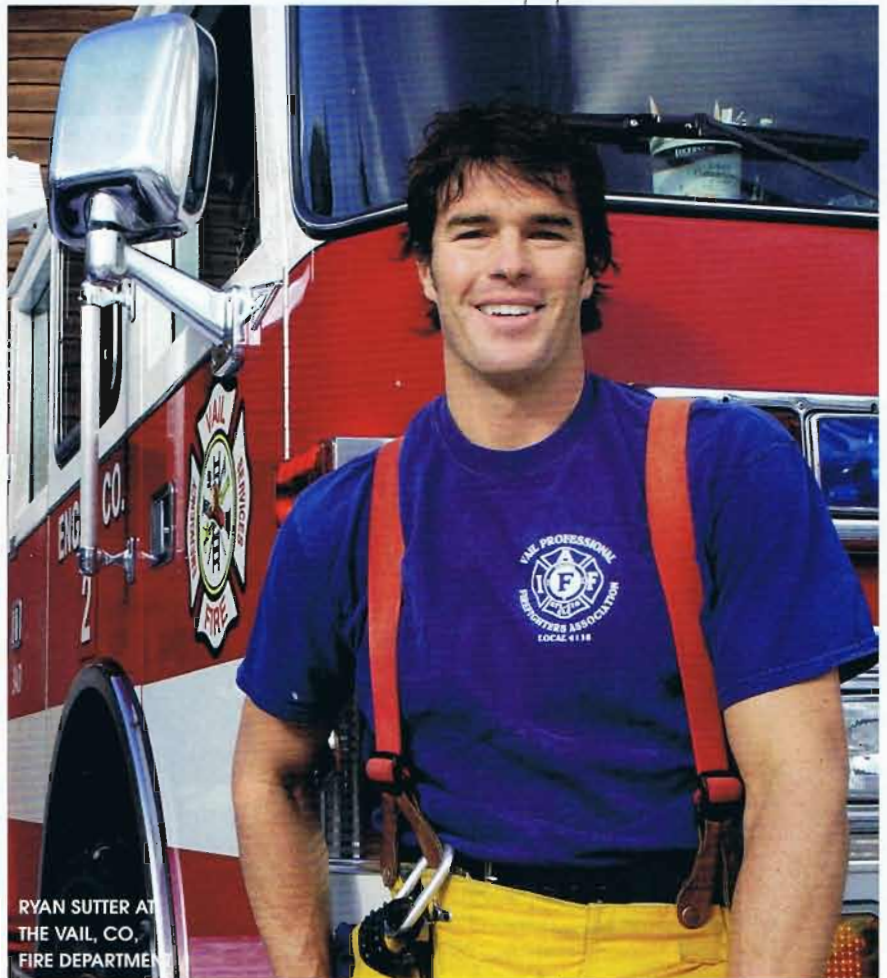
If they added a 25th hour in a day, what would you do with it? I would go outside and walk around. That's my idea of relaxing, having nothing on my agenda. I'd like to be spontaneous and just do what I felt like for that hour.

What was the best time in your life? It happened during the 2005 Van Cliburn piano competition, while playing in the chamber music round with four others. We were adjusting our playing without even telling each other, and it was as if we were all feeling the same thing. Like we understood each other in a way no one else could. When you have that feeling once, you'll do anything to get it back.

Her watch: A braided-silver Calvin Klein watch that I wear when I play because it's so light. If I have a big watch, I have to take it off because my hands will have too much of a weight difference.

Ryan Sutter
Firefighter and Original
Winner of *The Bachelorette*

What's the hardest part about your job? There are times when situations are overwhelming. Last week



we had a nationally televised, 70-car pile-up that had several critical injuries and a fatality. I was on the first arriving engine, so I was one of three workers in the middle of a snowstorm, with the radios not working. It was crazy. This extreme end of the job is a pretty rare occurrence. But when it does happen, you rely on your training.

When are you under the most time constraints at work? When there is a high-priority situation where you need to rate the seriousness of the hazard and the patients. If a gasoline tanker is on fire, it's a big deal; if it's leaking, it's not as bad. If a person has a collapsed lung, he needs attention before someone with a fracture. But it always feels like you're running out of time.

If they added a 25th hour in a day, what would you do with it? I'd spend it with my family. We have an 8-month-old. Fatherhood is the best, ➤

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I love it. It's sort of like getting a really good present for Christmas, except its permanent.

What was the best time in your life? When I was chosen on *The Bachelorette*. The show wasn't fun: For weeks you hang out with all these guys, but then it gets down to the wire. You're removed from the world and quarantined in a hotel room with no communication with family and friends. You sit with thoughts of the great time you just had, and now she's having a great time with someone else. I found it very stressful but, looking back, well worth it.

His watch: I wear a Suunto called the Core. It does everything I want it to: It has a barometer and weather trend indicator, and its durability comes in handy.

GENA COX
International Finals
Rodeo Showcase Winner

What's the hardest part about your job? Riding bulls for eight seconds, if I'm lucky. Once they open your gate, there's no going back: Your mind is totally blank and focused at the same time. While you're on the bull your body reacts, but it's the 15 minutes before that are the worst because you're so scared. If you ride bulls long enough you will get hurt – it's not ever if, it's when and how bad. I've been stepped on and mauled. When I first started riding, it felt like I was in a car crash when I got off the bull. I've even seen people get killed, so you have to be careful.

When are you under the most time constraints at work? All summer long. There are rodeos all the time; there are 22 alone in July. It's hard to cover that much space in a car. Even if you've driven all night, you are still expected to perform.

If they added a 25th hour in a day, what would you do with it? Relax. When we're touring, we travel to Iowa then Michigan then Virginia in three days without a rest in between.

What was the best time in your life? When I won



RODEO CHAMPION
AND PROFESSIONAL
BULL RIDER GENA COX

the IFR showcase. That was for trick riding. I had worked really hard, and when they called my name, I couldn't stop smiling. It was worth it, the hours, weeks, months, and years I put in for a five-minute show. For bull riding, it was a moment in the practice pen where I was close to perfect. I watched the video 100 times. For those eight seconds, I was as perfect as I could be.

Her watch: I wear a small Calvin Klein.

ED BAIRD
America's Cup
Champion, Team Alinghi

What's the hardest part about your job? One thing about our sport is you can't just repeat your performance, like a track star. There's not only the weather to contend with, but also the way the team interacts. There's no chance to be the best every time, but you can always learn something each time out.

When are you under the most time constraints at work? Timing is most important at the start of a race. What's unique in America's Cup racing is that with just two competitors on the course, you try to get the best position at the starting gun. It can be very dangerous, and people have been lost at sea. The amount of power and equipment we're using is incredible; people don't realize how many tons of pressure are involved. We had a bad situation in 1999 where we were in a qualifying ➔

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ED BAIRD WEARS AN AUDEMARS PIGUET ROYAL OAK CHRONOGRAPH IN A RACE NEAR VALENCIA, SPAIN

race and my boat suffered structural breakage, folding in half. We all had to jump off it and into the water!

If they added a 25th hour in a day, what would you do with it? I'd spend it helping the people in my life achieve their dreams. So much emphasis is on what I do, and I want to support them.

What was the best time in your life? Winning the America's Cup was the most exciting thing in my career, but it was made more exciting by all the ups and downs. In the last race, we went from a very comfortable lead, with the opponent owing a penalty, to suddenly being behind. We won by one second! It was unbelievably emotional at the time. When they put up our color at the finish line, the sense of relief was tremendous. But it's great to have a job where you're out in nature. We were just sailing in Geneva, and the water and sky were beautiful to look at.

His watch: I wear an Audemars Piguet Royal Oak Chronograph (one of his team sponsors). It's helpful to have in all conditions, and is an incredible timepiece.

Alexander Shabalov, U.S. Chess Champion

What's the hardest part about your job? You have to keep constant concentration when playing at a high level. A gap of just a few seconds can be fatal. Concentration is the most important, number one thing.

When are you under the most time constraints at work? In chess, you have to make 40 moves in two hours. By an hour-and-a-half in, you're usually under serious time pressure. At that point, you might have one minute per move, versus four minutes at the beginning. Proper time management is a big part of the game at its highest level.

If they added a 25th hour in a day, what would you do with it? What I would do is sleep. Definitely.

What was the best time in your life? That's a tough question. It's something you do when you're 60, ask that question. I don't know yet. I enjoy what I'm doing, and I enjoy the game. I hope the best is still ahead.

His watch: A Tissot that my parents gave me. 🕒



ALEXANDER SHABALOV AND HIS TISSOT AT A CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP IN SEATTLE

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