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 **Thomas Feyer, The New York Times's letters editor.**

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Hello Insiders,

Have you ever written a letter to the editor? Have you ever had it *printed*? If so, you are one lucky writer. This week we introduce you to our letters editor, Thomas Feyer, who, rest assured, reads every letter. (And more often than not, enjoys the contents.) [Read!](#)

Venturing farther afield ...

As Insiders, you undoubtedly know that many of our reporters put themselves in harm's way to get the story. In many instances the danger is front and center (think war zones), but in other cases the harm is silent and insidious. Correspondent Didi Kirsten Tatlow reports on air pollution from Beijing and checks in with our global correspondents on the measures they've taken to protect themselves in places like London and New Delhi. [Read!](#)

And back in New York ...

Monday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m., we are hosting a discussion about the future of the Supreme Court with journalists Adam Liptak and Emily Bazelon. You can reserve a seat [here](#). Can't make it in person? Tune in to the event live stream [here](#).

Until next week,

Francesca Donner

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What to Read Now

 Arthur O. Sulzberger Jr., the publisher of The New York Times, in 2001 with Jiang Zemin, then the president of China, at China's leadership compound in Beidaihe.

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The New York Times vs. the 'Great Firewall' of China

By CRAIG S. SMITH

Few people know the struggle and angst that put two Chinese characters at the top of our home page.

Foreign Correspondents as They Live and Breathe

By DIDI KIRSTEN TATLOW

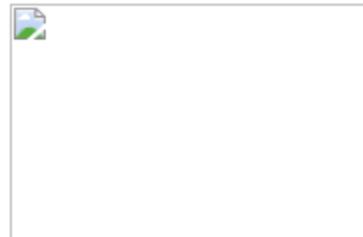
While we might check the weather every morning, these reporters check the Air Quality Index.



Postcard From China: Secret Video of a Women's Rights Demonstration

By DIDI KIRSTEN TATLOW

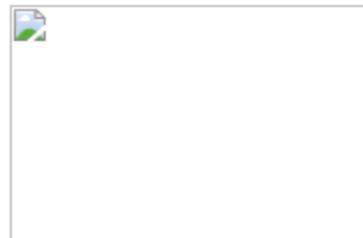
Feminist activism blossomed here as recently as 2015, but today it is in a deep freeze.



A Surprise Trip to Prison

By SUSAN LEHMAN

The Times Reporter Campbell Robertson describes how he put together his article on an Alabama prison's descent into violence.



TALK TO THE TIMES

Live Chat: The Future of Feminism

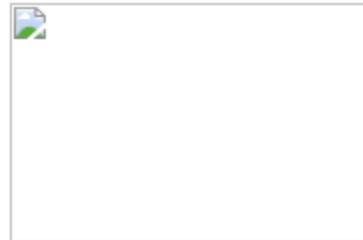
On Wednesday, March 29, Susan Chira, a senior correspondent and editor on gender issues, and Tina Brown, the founder of Women in the World, were on hand for a live chat about the future of feminism.



'To the Editor': What Happens When Readers Write Back?

By STEPHEN HILTNER

Despite the many competing platforms that now allow for the public airing of opinions and grievances, The Times's letters section is as robust a forum as ever.



The Good Old Days of Supreme Court Nominations? They Don't Exist.

By DAVID W. DUNLAP

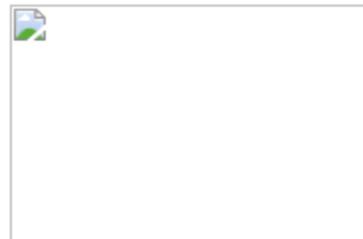
Think the political fight over Judge Neil M. Gorsuch is ugly? Take a look at The Times's coverage of Supreme Court nominees who met the buzz saw.



In Reporter's Hometown, Students Look Toward 'Somewhere They're Welcomed'

By ANEMONA HARTOCOLLIS

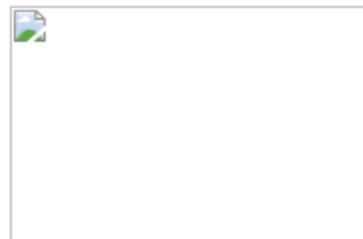
Anemona Hartocollis returned to her high school in Topeka, Kan., to chronicle the ways disadvantaged kids navigate getting into college.



What We're Reading

Compiled by ANDREA KANNAPELL

Great reads around the web, from Amanda Hess, Anna Dubenko and others.



TALK TO THE TIMES

Live Chat: Cultivating Mindfulness in Challenging Times

Submit your questions in advance of a live chat — at 2 p.m. E.D.T. on Thursday, April 6 — with David Gelles, deputy editor of DealBook, and Dan Harris, author of “10% Happier.”

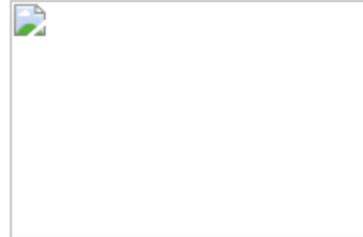


LOOKING BACK

At The Times, Roger Wilkins Fought Injustice. And The Times.

By DAVID W. DUNLAP

As editorial board member and columnist, Mr. Wilkins sometimes felt he had to train his fight against racism on the institution that employed him.



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