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Hello Insiders,

Happy birthday to the 75-year-old New York Times crossword — once shunned in a Times editorial as a “sinful waste” of time! Celebrate with our story of the youngest Times crossword constructor. [Read!](#)

What else? That depends on how you're feeling.

Feeling Hollywood? Save the date for our live chat with culture reporter Cara Buckley on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m. Eastern. Cara will respond to your

questions about movies, awards season and most notably ... the Oscars. [Submit a question now!](#)

Feeling prescient? Venture a guess about whether President Trump will be good or bad for business. Then add your thoughts in the comments. [Take the poll!](#)

Feeling nosy? Go behind the scenes at Mar-a-Lago, the “winter White House,” with its glittery social scene and endless stream of Bentleys and Rolls Royces. [Listen!](#)

Feeling stately? If you were born in the U.S. and your parents had named you after the state where you were born, what would your name be? Florida? Massachusetts? California? Insiders, it’s time to [meet Texas from Texas!](#)

In my home state of New York, they say the weather will warm up this weekend. That’s good news for cold feet: I’m still thawing out from yesterday’s morning commute.

Until next week,

Francesca Donner

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What to Read Now



Ashley Gilbertson for The New York Times

By MEGAN SPECIA

How Texts From a ‘Hell Prison’ in the Pacific Led to a Powerful Video Diary

Behrouz Boochani would record a handful of videos, then travel from the refugee detention center to a nearby town to connect to the internet and send them.

Insider Podcasts

 Outside the Mar-a-Lago Resort in Palm Beach, Fla.

My Weekend at Mar-a-Lago: Reporter’s Notebook

By SUSAN LEHMAN

In this podcast, White House correspondent Julie Hirschfeld Davis describes her first visit to the winter White House in Palm Beach, Fla.

 President Trump; a newspaper box; Russia’s President Vladimir Putin.

Good, Bad and Mad: Andrew Rosenthal on the News

By SUSAN LEHMAN

Andrew Rosenthal on Donald Trump’s bizarre relationship with Vladimir Putin, and other news of the week.

POSTCARD FROM TEXAS

When They Say ‘State Your Name,’ She Says: ‘Yes, It Is’

By MANNY FERNANDEZ

I wanted to get to know Texas, so I invited Ms. Smith to lunch.

 One of the first things I wanted to know was whether it actually said Texas on her driver’s license. She seemed to expect the question.

Looking for a Good Laugh? The Times Introduces a New Column

By SUSAN LEHMAN

Times Insider talks with Patrick Healy, a Culture editor, and Sopan Deb, a reporter, about The Times's new column, "Best of Late Night."

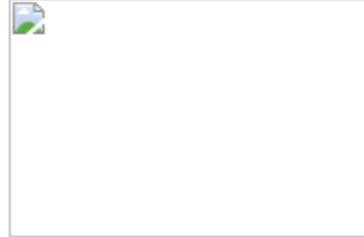


Stephen Colbert interviewing the actor Thomas Sadoski on the Feb. 3 episode of "The Late Show."

TALK TO THE TIMES

Live Chat: What to Expect at the Oscars

Submit your questions in advance of a live chat — at 1:00 p.m. E.S.T. on Wednesday, Feb. 22 — with Cara Buckley, a culture reporter at The Times.



ASK THE TIMES

'Why Do Americans Refrigerate Their Eggs?'

By KIM SEVERSON

Our culinary compatriots in Europe, Asia and other parts of the world leave beautiful bowls of eggs on their kitchen counters. So what gives?



A basket of eggs at Greenfire Farms in Havana, Fla.

The Youngest Crossword Constructor in New York Times History

By WILL SHORTZ

Since 1993, The Times has published puzzles created by 36 teenagers. But today's constructor beats the previous record-holder by six months.



A crossword puzzle by Daniel Larsen, published on Feb. 14, 2017.

TALK TO THE TIMES

Will President Trump Be Good or Bad for Business?

Weigh in with Times Insider's weekly question.



President Trump signing memoranda in the Oval Office on Monday. He sharply criticized the Trans-Pacific Partnership

The Times in the Schools; or, Get Them While They're Young

By DAVID W. DUNLAP

"Support Our Mission" will create digital subscriptions for thousands of students. Can we be blamed for hoping it might make readers of a few of them?

The New York Times School Weekly was aimed at high-school students but, under the art direction of Stan Mack, looked as

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