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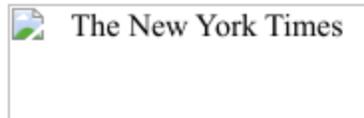
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When Kevin Durant, one of basketball's most celebrated players, left Oklahoma City to play for the Golden State Warriors, one of the N.B.A.'s most dominant teams, fans were dying to know how Russell Westbrook would fair as the Thunder's sole remaining star. "It seemed less like a question of sports than a Zen koan: What is the sound of one hand clapping?" Sam Anderson writes in this week's [cover story](#). "If anyone could answer that, could explore its full range of sonic possibilities, it was Russell Westbrook."

Elsewhere in the magazine, Saul Elbein follows [the fight](#) over the Dakota Access Pipeline, in which Native American activists, building on the efforts of a group of teenagers, achieved a galvanizing environmental victory — one since cast into doubt by executive orders signed by President Donald Trump. Brook Larmer writes about [Chinese students](#) in U.S. high schools, and Beverly Gage considers the "[resistance](#)" that stands against Trump and the challenge of figuring out what it will stand for.

Happy reading,

Jake Silverstein

Editor in Chief



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FEATURE

The Misunderstood Genius of Russell Westbrook

By SAM ANDERSON

Following the departure of his superstar teammate, Russell Westbrook was left to lead the Oklahoma City Thunder all by himself. That's when something special happened.

The Standing Rock camp.

Peter van Agtmael/Magnum, for The New York Times

FEATURE

The Youth Group That Launched a Movement at Standing Rock

Korbin Yang, left, and his roommate Oscar Kou at their host family's house in Oxford, Mich., in 2015.

Mark Peterson/Redux, for The New York Times

FEATURE

The Parachute Generation

By BROOK LARMER

To help their children get into American universities, Chinese parents have started

By SAUL ELBEIN

In the fight over the Dakota Access Pipeline, Native American activists achieved one of the most galvanizing environmental victories in years — and it all began with a group of teenagers.

sending them to U.S. high schools — and paying top dollar to do it.

NOTEBOOK

The Uncomfortable Love Affair Between Donald Trump and the New England Patriots

By MARK LEIBOVICH

The president has a clear favorite in this weekend's big game.



Donald Trump and Tom Brady before a game at Gillette Stadium in 2004.

TALK

Joe Buck Knows Why You Hate Him

Interview by ANA MARIE COX

The Fox Sports play-by-play announcer on sports and politics, his hair-transplant surgery and, sometimes, not talking at all.



Joe Buck

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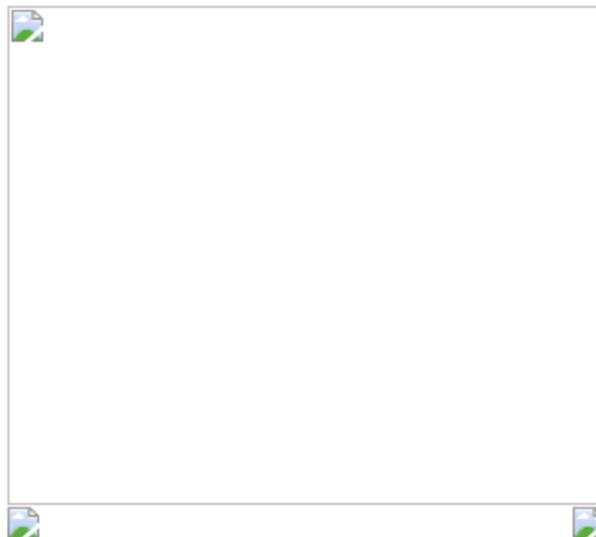




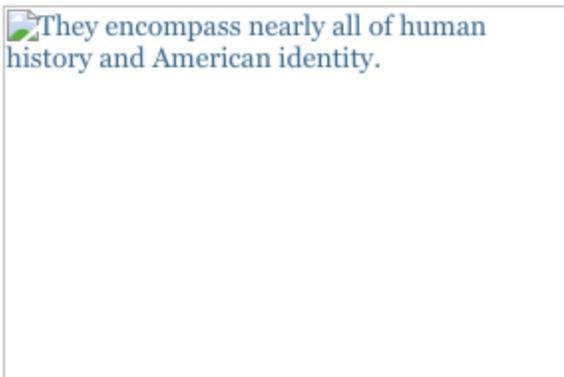
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FIRST WORDS

A 'Resistance' Stands Against Trump. But What Will It Stand For?

By BEVERLY GAGE

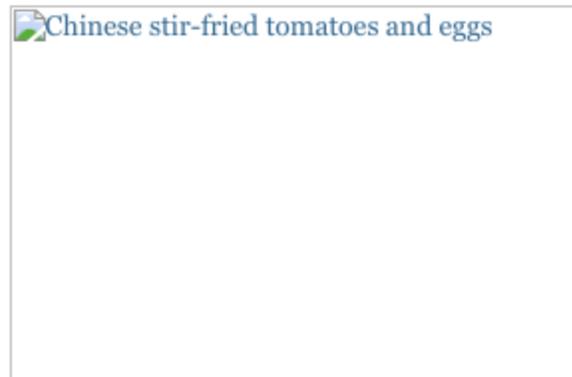
Some of the most consequential movements in American law and politics began amid defeat and panic.



Vanessa Mckeown for The New York Times

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EAT

The Stir-Fried Tomatoes and Eggs My Chinese Mother Made

By WILLY BLACKMORE

They encompass nearly all of human history and American identity.

By FRANCIS LAM

This dish of savory, sweet-tart tomato sauce folded around soft-scrambled eggs is a taste of home.

ON PHOTOGRAPHY

The Image of Time

By TEJU COLE

Returning to the same landscape again and again gives photographers the chance to catch time itself at work.

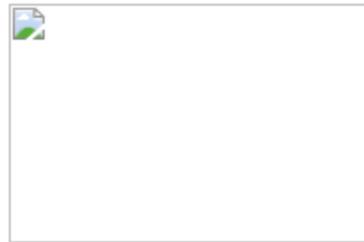
 Coleman's Cafe in Greensboro, Ala., as photographed by William Christenberry in 1967.

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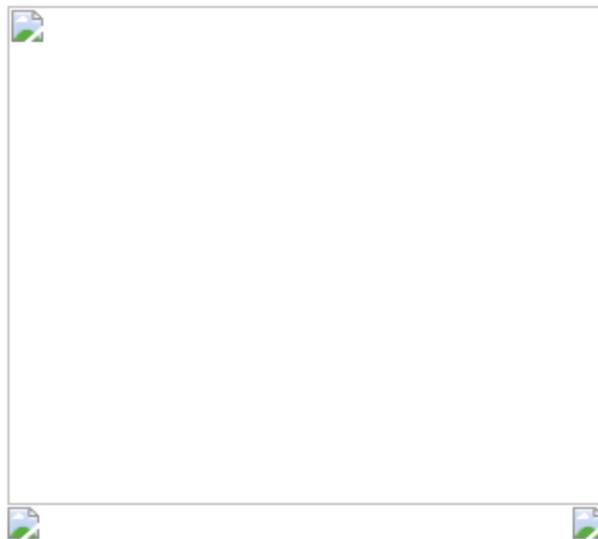
How to Walk on Hand Rails

By JAIME LOWE

Keep feet parallel to rail. Walk deliberately.



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