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 **Fireworks over the East River in New York, as seen from a rooftop in Astoria.**

Fireworks over the East River in New York, as seen from a rooftop in Astoria. Stephen Hiltner/The New York Times

Hello Insiders,

Is it just me or does July 4th seem an eternity ago? Thanks to those of you who wrote in to share your Independence Day plans. You spent the day doing all sorts of things: helping at a pancake breakfast, biking, watching the movie “1776,” listening to baseball on the radio, running a half marathon, watching a parade. What a day!

Here at The Times, at least one of us celebrated the run-up to July 4th with Firework Oreos (yes, they exist!) at an Oreo tasting. Writes the Times food columnist Tejal Rao:

I took a bite of one [Oreo], typed up some initial thoughts and sipped room-temperature seltzer before moving on to the next flavor. After I had sampled all of them, I went back and finished each cookie, this time looking for more details of flavor, texture and aroma. I used the remaining intact cookies to conduct an informal dissection, pulling the biscuits apart and nibbling the components individually, covering my keyboard in crumbs in the process. [Keep reading.](#)

I wonder how the Firework Oreo would have been received by Miss Juliet Corson, overseer of The Times’s food and household coverage in the 1870s and 1880s. She was an advocate for French cooking (long before Julia Child) and had opinions on matters of “cold mutton,” home economy and the elimination of cockroaches. [Read on in David Dunlap’s delightful column.](#)

Until next week,

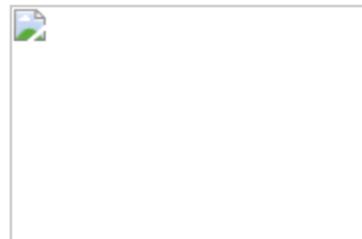
Francesca Donner

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Email Tip About a Noose Pushes a Reporter to Action

By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

Our national reporter Sheryl Gay Stolberg describes her reporting on the rising number of race-baiting incidents involving nooses.



WASHINGTON, JULY 12

Live Event: Everyday Informants

By INSIDER STAFF

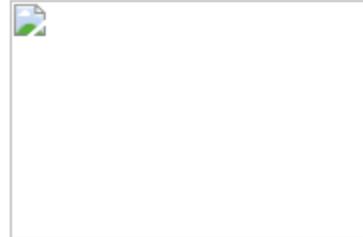
Join us on Wednesday for a discussion on leaks, tips and unnamed sources — and the role they play in today's news.



From Pilates to Piano — Tracking the Secret Lives of Senators

By JENNIFER STEINHAUER

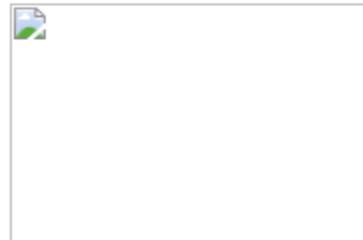
“We wanted a good number of lawmakers but not too many; a mix of party affiliations and compelling interests: no runners!”



Fireworks Oreos? A Reporter Digests

By TEJAL RAO

Thankfully, they “didn’t taste like fireworks at all.”



Women in Start-Up World Speak Up About Harassment

By KATIE BENNER

A reporter looking into how women are treated in the industry says it was like flipping over a healthy-looking log to find decay and bugs underneath.



Keeping The Times Civil, 16 Million Comments and Counting

By KAT LONG

Moderators on the community desk have reviewed millions of comments with a current rate of about 12,000 daily, and now they're getting A.I. help.



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LOOKING BACK

Cooking With Juliet Corson, The Times's First Star Writer

By DAVID W. DUNLAP

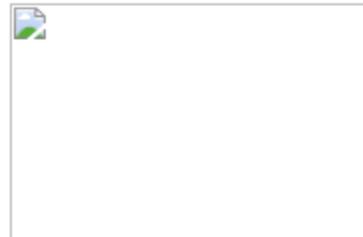
A household column in the 1870s and 1880s was a sensation. It pioneered personality journalism, reader-generated content and spinoff merchandise.



'That First Crisp Bite Can Make or Break the Hot Dog Experience'

By LELA MOORE, BRIANNA MILORD AND JESSICA ANDERSON

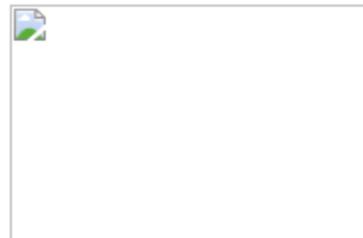
Our top 10 comments of the week: Readers debate a hot dog taste test, President Trump's tweets and the 20th anniversary of Harry Potter.



What We're Reading

Compiled by ANDREA KANNAPELL

Great reads around the web, from Lynda Richardson, Amy Chozick and others.





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Washington, DC

Conversation: Tips, Sources & Classified Information

Wednesday, July 12

Hear the story behind The Times's anonymous tip line, learn how White House journalist Glenn Thrush uses his sources, and see how a CIA spokesperson keeps things classified.

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Podcast Club

Monday, July 24

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Times Insiders get a 20 percent discount with the code "NYT."

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New York City

Conference: Cities for Tomorrow

Monday, July 10 and Tuesday, July 11

How do the world's greatest cities succeed? Hear from industry experts, policy makers, developers, creative visionaries, entrepreneurs as well as The Times's executive editor Dean Baquet.

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