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 The newsroom, as seen through the courtyard at the New York Times building on Thursday afternoon.

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Hello Insiders,

Are we living in highly unusual times? Is this news cycle unprecedented? Are we in uncharted waters?

This week we look at the increasing frequency with which these phrases have turned up in The Times. Is this warranted? Will “highly unusual” eventually become business as usual? [Read!](#)

Moving from highly unusual to highly dangerous: In the heart of the newsroom in Midtown Manhattan, the reporter David Dunlap has set up a Timeseum, its current display a nod to the journalists at The Times who put themselves in harm’s way. Shown there are a fragment of a Scud missile, two pieces of an American-guided bomb, and a bulletproof vest, among other items. The collection serves as a reminder that Times journalists around the world sometimes have to put on body armor just to walk out their front door.

We’ll be writing more about the Timeseum in the weeks to come, but you can start getting acquainted with it now. [Read!](#)

Finally, to those of you who got in touch with us last week for a Times Truth button — and there were *a lot* of you — thank you! Winners will receive a notification soon.

At the time, we asked you to tell us your favorite section of the paper. Nearly a quarter of you voted for the Opinion section. Around 17 percent liked the A section and the front page/home page best. Politics was the next most popular section.

One reader wrote: “Really? Like asking which kid I like best” — to which we say, it’s O.K. to love them all. We do!

Until next week,

Francesca Donner
Times Insider

What to Read Now

 [Londoners gathered at Trafalgar Square for a candlelight vigil on Thursday.](#)

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Big Ben Still Tolled

By STEPHEN FARRELL

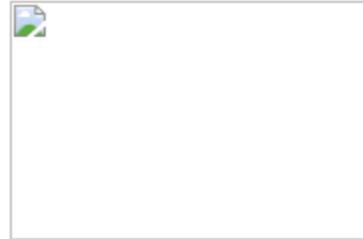
A London native who sped by motorcycle to cover the terrorist attack at Parliament recounts the mix of emotions it evoked.

INSIDER PODCASTS

Good, Bad and Mad: Andrew Rosenthal on the News

By SUSAN LEHMAN

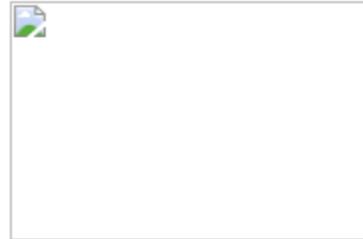
The opinion columnist Andrew Rosenthal on the assault on climate protections, the Russian collusion saga, and Republican governors.



In the Heart of the Newsroom, a Nod to Journalists in Harm's Way

By STEPHEN HILTNER

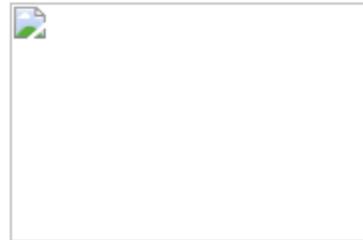
A conference room on the third floor of The New York Times building has been repurposed as a small museum.



What Happens When a Reporter Knocks on Doors? Sometimes, She Gets Her Story

By SUSANNE CRAIG

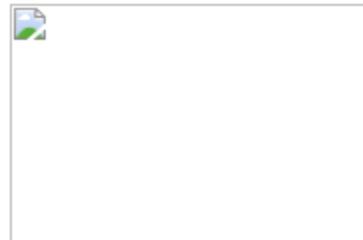
Knock knock. Did you hear the one about how investigative reporter Susanne Craig got her first page one story?



Dan Barry: Way Back With Jimmy Breslin

By DAN BARRY

Times columnist Dan Barry's 2009 tribute to Jimmy Breslin, who died over the weekend.



Reporting and Filming in an Ice Cave

By CRAIG S. SMITH

Because of the difference in temperature under the ice, our lenses fogged and then froze.



How a Grenade in a Playpen Led to an Investigative Project

By STEPHEN HILTNER

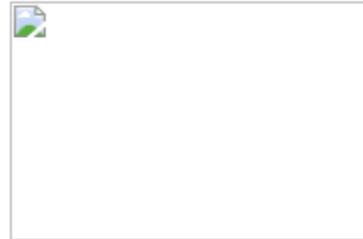
A botched search in Georgia in 2014 that injured a child inspired Kevin Sack's extensive study of forcible-entry raids, in which over 90 people have died.



The Swallowed Cigarette Butt and Other Legends of President Duterte

By RICHARD C. PADDOCK

In uncovering the real backstory of President Rodrigo Duterte of the Philippines, the truth is hard to pin down.



What We're Reading

Compiled by ANDREA KANNAPELL

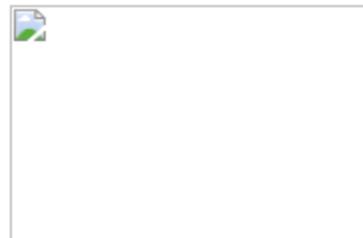
Great reads around the web, from Pamela Paul, Ron Nixon and others.



'Highly Unusual': The New Business as Usual?

By SUSAN LEHMAN

Phrases like "uncharted waters" and "unprecedented" have popped up with increasing frequency since President Trump took office.



Saint Mattis's Forces in Combat Against Harassment

By DAVE PHILIPPS

An online fight against posting of women's nude photos by male groups of Marines and veterans has been fortified by criticism of the practice by Jim Mattis, a cult figure in the corps.

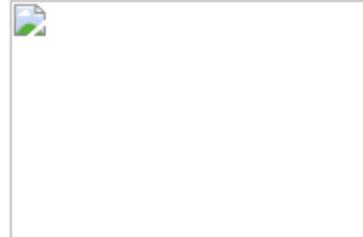


LOOKING BACK

Things No Reader Should Have to See

By DAVID W. DUNLAP

Hot type or cold, computerized or not, we have found ways to send mixed messages to an unintended audience.



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