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A group of New York Times journalists watching President Donald J. Trump deliver his inauguration address.

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Hello Insiders,

Obama is out. Trump is in.

At Times Insider we're looking back — and forward.

Looking back:

- What was it like to [photograph President Obama](#) during his four years in office? And what was it like to [write about him](#)? We hear from Times photographer Doug

Mills about the highs, the lows and the “bro hugs” — [Read!](#) — and White House correspondent Michael D. Shear as President Obama prepares to move on. [Listen!](#)

Looking forward:

- Does it matter what President Trump and Mrs. Trump [wear to the inaugural festivities](#)? It might seem like a frivolous question, but the answer is definitely not. The Times’s Vanessa Friedman explains. [Read!](#)
- We also get insight into [what kind of first lady](#) Melania Trump might make. In a 1999 feature, when asked what her role would be should she ever make it to the White House, Mrs. Trump said, “I would be very traditional. Like Betty Ford or Jackie Kennedy.” [Read on!](#)

And now, over to you, Insiders:

- Four years from now, will the U.S. be better off, worse off, or about the same? [Cast your vote](#), and share your thoughts. We can’t wait to hear from you.

Until next week,

Francesca Donner

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What to Read Now

 President Obama in Atlanta, Ga., Tuesday, March 29, 2016.

Obama: ‘One of the Most Photogenic People Ever’

By SUSAN LEHMAN

Doug Mills, who has followed Barack Obama, camera in hand, since the beginning, reflects on his eight-year assignment.

INSIDER PODCASTS

On Guard: Reporters Gear Up to Cover President Trump

By SUSAN LEHMAN

The media columnist Jim Rutenberg and the White House correspondent Peter Baker on the Trump administration and the media challenges it poses.



President-elect Donald J. Trump holds a press conference at Trump Tower in New York on Jan. 11.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

When Journalism Meets Civil Disobedience

By ADAM NOSSITER

I had gotten a decent man in trouble while pursuing a good story.



Migrants walked down a mountain path to Mr. Herrou's van, which would transport them undercover to a French train station for

Why Melania Trump's Inaugural Ball Gown Matters?

By VANESSA FRIEDMAN

Fashion at the inauguration reflects the image that the new president and his wife want to project.



Melania Trump at the second presidential debate, in October.

Putting The Times's First Email Address to Bed

By JOHN MARKOFF

To my surprise, in 1995 The Times turned down my offer of the nyt.com domain. I was told that it would be confused with the internet address of New York Telephone.



FIRST MENTION

1999 | Melania Trump Lists Her Model First Ladies

By MARK BULIK

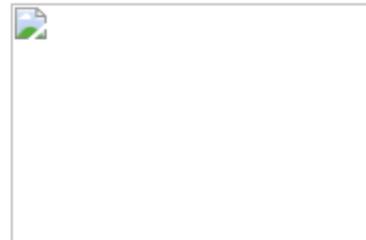
After consulting The Times's archives, a senior editor writes about the first appearances of Melania Trump, née Knauss, in the pages of the paper.

 "I would be very traditional," Ms. Knauss said in 1999, when asked what her role would be if Mr. Trump ended up in The White House.

TALK TO THE TIMES

Four Years From Now, Will the U.S. Be Better Off, Worse Off, or About the Same?

Weigh in with Times Insider's weekly poll.



Anne Frank's Pendant? My Heart Raced

By DAN BILEFSKY

The reporter Dan Bilefsky provides back story on his article about a mysterious necklace charm discovered at a Nazi extermination camp.

 The pendant linked to Karoline Cohn, 14, is almost identical to one Anne Frank owned.

ASK THE TIMES

'Why Does the Stock Market Have Pre-Market and After-Hours Trading?'

By NEIL IRWIN

A reader asks: "If trades can occur outside the 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. market hours, then why not allow for 24/7 trading?" Neil Irwin, a senior economics correspondent, responds.



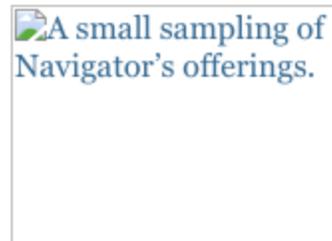
The New York Stock Exchange in Manhattan.

LOOKING BACK

1994 | A Road Map to the Information Superhighway

By DAVID W. DUNLAP

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