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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

"I do not seek. I find." – Pablo Picasso

"We must not say every mistake is a foolish one." – Cicero

"I don't suffer fools, and I like to see fools suffer." – Florence King

"Reality leaves a lot to the imagination." – John Lennon

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. Never lose a holy curiosity." – Albert Einstein

"There is a cult of ignorance in the United States, and there always has been. The strain of anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that "my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge." – Isaac Asimov

"I do not know what I may appear to the world, but to myself I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the sea-shore, and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me." – Isaac Newton

"One of the basic rules of the universe is that nothing is perfect. Perfection simply doesn't exist ... Without imperfection, neither you nor I would exist." – Stephen Hawking

"Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try Again. Fail again. Fail better." – Samuel Beckett

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

A 'Finding Your Element' Special
Sir Ken Robinson Foundation

If you want 2026 to be the best year of your life, please watch this video...
Daniel Pink

How It's Done: The Science of Velocity - Quick Connect
MayNERD's Wild World of Science

Dance Moves From the Street, City Edition
The New York Times

Guillermo del Toro Tells Bradley Cooper 'I've Written 42 Screenplays' but Only 'Made 13 Movies' as They Discuss Directing Struggles, 'Frankenstein' and 'Is This Thing On?'
Variety

From studio to habitat: FSU art students design interactive animal enrichment toys for Jacksonville Zoo and Botanical Gardens
Florida State University News

Hope and Love Prevail During a Terrible Historic Era in the Short Film 'Father's Letters'
Colossal

Photojournalists reflect on capturing 2025's most impactful images
PBS NewsHour

The \$80 prosthetic knee that's changing lives | Krista Donaldson
TEDWomen 2013

Spike Lee Asks Ryan Coogler Why Studios Turned Down 'Sinners' as the Duo Champion Movie Theaters, Michael B. Jordan and More: 'I Believe in Cinema'
Variety

FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

"The faces of CERN" at the Globe of Science and Innovation
CERN
Through March 1

Welcome to the Art of Being Human - A collective art project for 2026
The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore and Sam Chaltain
Begins January 2, 2026

Creativity Week
Crayola
January 26 - February 1

Also

Crayola Creativity Week 2026 launches as research highlights strong link between creativity and confidence

The Sector

January 26 – February 1

Virginia Council on Women opens 15th annual STEAM-H essay contest for high school seniors

WSLS

Deadline: January 30

2026 Best Communities for Music Education Award

NAMM Foundation

Deadline: January 31

Renée Fleming Neuroarts Investigator Awards 2026

NeuroArts Blueprint Initiative

Deadline: February 3

ALL TOGETHER NOW: A Sneak Peek into SXSW 2026

SXSW

March 12 – 18

Social Prescribing Day 2026

National Academy of Social Prescribing, UK

March 26

Apply to attend TED2026 | All of Us

TED Conferences

April 13 - 17

CreativeMornings | a monthly breakfast lecture series

CreativeMornings

Various

Nesta Talks to...

Nesta

Various

Interactive Map | Science Festivals

Science Festival Alliance

Various

Call for Articles | General Issue

European Journal of Cultural Management and Policy | ENCATC

Deadline: Ongoing

Twenty-Four Smithsonian Shows to See in 2024

At the Smithsonian | Smithsonian Magazine

Various

Idea Jams 2025/2026
Canadian Network for Imagination and Creativity
Series

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Amidst the Darkness of the Modern World, What Makes -- and Keeps – Us Human?
Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain

The Scientists Making Antacids for the Sea to Help Counter Global Warming
The New York Times Magazine

Crispr Pioneer Launches Startup to Make Tailored Gene-Editing Treatments
Science | WIRED

The 6-7 craze offered a brief window into the hidden world of children
The Conversation

TV Academy Reveals Emmy Rules Changes for 2026, Including AI Guidelines and New Name for Outstanding TV Movie Category
Variety

Engineering without borders: ASU deepens technology collaborations in South Korea
ASU News | Arizona State University

Perspective Matters: What a 3D Street Artist Can Teach Us About Creativity, Technology, and Constraints - How a top artist solves the problem of ideas.
Inc.com

State of Mexico to Cut Science, Innovation Budget by 32% in 2026
Mexico Business News

Why European startups are coming to Canada
BetaKit

How the brain creates facial expressions
The Rockefeller University

Nature-inspired computers are shockingly good at math
Sandia National Laboratories

201 Films Eligible for Oscar Best Picture Consideration
Variety

DGA Awards Nominees: Ryan Coogler and Chloe Zhao Make History, Josh Safdie Makes the Cut and Foreign Directors Shut Out
Variety

Whooping Cranes Came Back From the Brink of Extinction. Now, New Threats Are Converging on Their Texas Wintering Grounds
Science & Nature | Smithsonian Magazine

The Expanding Role of AI in Science
Technology Networks

Six Ways the Smithsonian Shaped Environmental Science in 60 Years
Smithsonian Environmental Research Center | Smithsonian Voices

I Was Almost a Teenage Werewolf - Who Invented the Drive-in Movie?
Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

Dogs Build Their Vocabularies Like Toddlers
The New York Times

The Tech That Will Invade Our Lives in 2026
The New York Times

Brick-and-mortar bookshops look better than ever in the Amazon age
Plugged In | Fast Company

Deepfakes drastically improved in 2025. They're about to get even harder to detect
Tech | Fast Company

Who needs AI deepfakes when the Trump government can dispute video evidence that we can plainly see?
POV | Fast Company

50 wonderful things from 2025
Pop Culture Happy Hour | NPR

Three Mandates for Better Decisions
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Assume bugs
Seth's Blog

This Is Your Brain on Supplements
The Freakonomics Radio Guide to Getting Better

The Smithsonian Faces New Pressure to Submit to Trump's Will
The New York Times

Also
Trump's assault on the Smithsonian: 'The goal is to reframe the entire culture of the US'
The Guardian

Can A.I. Match Molière's Wit? These Researchers Think So.
The New York Times

Renee Nicole Good, murdered by ICE, was a prize-winning poet. Here's that poem.
Literary Hub

New Lawsuit Challenges Utah's Book Removals
Publishers Weekly

Amid Widespread Humanities Cuts, Elite Universities Suspend or Reduce Art History Graduate Admissions
ARTSnews

Why Do To-Go Coffee Cup Lids Have That Tiny Hole?
Mental Floss

Virginia Apgar, the Woman Whose Name Saves Newborns
Mental Floss

Meet Ryan K. Johnson, Sharing Untold Stories Through the Power of Percussive Dance
Arts Midwest

How Big Tech killed literary culture
Unherd

Will Pittsburgh become America's most important city without a newspaper?
Nieman Lab

Your Key Survival Skill for 2026: Critical Ignoring
The Wall Street Journal

Outrage as Trump withdraws from key UN climate treaty along with dozens of international organisations
The Guardian

Also
Withdrawing the United States from International Organizations, Conventions, and Treaties that Are Contrary to the Interests of the United States
The White House

Art could save your life! Five creative ways to make 2026 happier, healthier and more hopeful
Health and wellbeing | The Guardian

25 Years in Orbit: Science, Innovation, and the Future of Exploration
NASA

Regulation now shapes innovation as much as technology - here's why it's an infrastructure investment
Emerging Technologies | The World Economic Forum

UNESCO inspires youth worldwide to explore quantum science through art
UNESCO

This Pitt professor added fresh context to artwork at the heart of the new Pittsburgh International Airport
Pittwire | University of Pittsburgh

Mexico Focuses on Science Diplomacy to Drive Tech Sovereignty
Mexico Business News

The Adoption of AI and the Threat to Innovation: Lessons from Europe
MEI | Ideas for a More Prosperous Society

Want to speed brain research? It's all in how you look at it.
Science & Tech | The Harvard Gazette

Paramount Skydance Continues to Insist Its Warner Bros. Discovery Offer at \$30/Share Is Better Than Netflix's Deal
Variety

Television Academy Creates 'Legacy Award' to Celebrate 'Groundbreaking Programming'
Variety

These women helped to shape quantum mechanics — it's time to recognize them
Nature

Scientists Create a "Periodic Table" for Artificial Intelligence
SciTechDaily

The Value of Values
Gapingvoid

Ok, What IS Connection?
Little Caregiver Repair Shop | Anne Basting

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Announces It Will Cease Operations
The New York Times

Texas A&M, Under New Curriculum Limits, Warns Professor Not to Teach Plato
The New York Times

New material changes color and texture like an octopus
Stanford Report | Stanford University

A neuroscientist's 5-step plan to upgrade your brain
Work Life | Fast Company

The future of the U.S. health economy
Fast Company Executive Board

Move fast, but don't break people - A better mantra is to move fast and break assumptions.

Fast Company Executive Board

Why is there a RAM shortage? AI demand and the mad scramble for memory chips could hit where it hurts

Fast Company

Discord confidentially files for IPO in the U.S., sources say

Fast Company

A 200-year-old book distributor is closing. Here's what that means for public libraries

Books | NPR

Just Because You Can Use AI Doesn't Mean You Should

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

“It’s your fault”

Seth’s Blog

Woman featured in iconic Great Depression photo didn't know she was famous until 40 years later

History (Education) | Upworthy

“My Sharona”

The Economics of Everyday Things | Freakonomics

Whether Netflix or Paramount buys Warner Bros., entertainment oligopolies are back – bigger and more anticompetitive than ever

The Conversation

Broadway director Alex Timbers achieves a rare feat with 4 shows running simultaneously

AP News

O-1B Work Visas For ‘Elite Artists’ Going To OnlyFans Models: Attorney

Newsweek

Universal Music invests \$80 million in Bollywood production company

Y! Entertainment | Los Angeles Times

How museums can help rebuild trust in a divided America

The Conversation

The Time Has Come for Youth Development

The Wallace Foundation

Fruit flies drive discovery of University of Wisconsin cancer treatment

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

New York City Ballet Art Series Presents Thibaut Grevet
Colossal

We are all le Carré's people now - Look into his wilderness of mirrors and see our own world reflected all around
New Statesman

National Endowment for the Arts Statement on the Death of National Heritage Fellow Nalani Kanaka'ole
National Endowment for the Arts

Actor Awards Nominations 2026: 'One Battle After Another' Earns Record-Breaking 7 Noms, 'The Studio' Leads TV With 5 Noms
Variety

Why Theatre Training Could Be the Future of K-12 Education
PsychED | Psychology Today

Top 100 Innovation and Transformation Articles of 2025
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Refocusing Innovation Grief into the Future of Creative Work - Hollywood lost 42,000 jobs. Now what?
Theo Edmonds | Culture Futurist®

38 things we'd love to redesign in 2026
IDEO Journal

High schoolers are building a solution to Boulder's housing crisis
Design | Fast Company

The Case for Sharpening Your Math Skills in the Age of AI
Harvard Business Review

A Year of Progress in Biotechnology
Information Technology and Innovation Foundation | ITIF

An AI revolution in drugmaking is under way
The Economist

Jodie Foster on Rejecting Studio Movies, Revisiting 'Silence of the Lambs' and Whether She Came Out During Her Golden Globes Speech: 'They Were Confused'
Variety

The Inevitable Rise of the Art TV
WIRED

By Collecting Whale Breath, Researchers Detected a Deadly Virus in the Arctic for the First Time
Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Archaeologists Discover ‘Sumptuous’ Frescoes at Ancient Villa Preserved by Mount Vesuvius’ Eruption
Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Béla Fleck Withdraws From Kennedy Center Concerts
The New York Times

Also
Kennedy Center faces artist cancellations, drop in ticket sales after Trump's name added
PBS NewsHour

How Music Makes Us Human
The Arts | On Wisconsin

Why is there a RAM shortage? AI demand and the mad scramble for memory chips could hit where it hurts
Fast Company

Ikea just made a super cheap USB-C charger
Design | Fast Company

Gen Z: Connection over consumption
Impact Council | Fast Company

The organization behind decades of public TV is dissolving—what comes next
Fast Company

How to develop girls’ skills in tech and video game markets
Fast Company Executive Board

How Lego designed its new interactive Smart Brick
Design | Fast Company

Is AI making us lonely?
Fast Company Executive Board

The skills gap is a myth
Fast Company Executive Board

Silenced voices: Why freedom of expression is receding worldwide
UNESCO

To be sure
Seth’s Blog

How scientists learn from the masters of invisibility: Octopus
Animals | National Geographic

Guy puts over 20,000 MTV videos on new website as a tribute to the 'golden era' of music videos
Upworthy

Will NPR be ok? And why I believe the answer is yes...eventually.
Substack | Ari Shapiro

How Sam Shepard Became the Star Playwright of New York's Counterculture
Literary Hub

What your mind's blank moments reveal about consciousness
Psyche

AI copyright battles enter pivotal year as US courts weigh fair use
Reuters

Fifteen buildings to look out for in 2026
dezeen

In 2025, most Americans read fewer than four books.
Literary Hub

Nigerian firm Geotek Water Solutions wins Water Council competition
WisBusiness

Randall Kennedy Is Afraid. He Thinks You Should Be Too.
The Chronicle of Higher Education

How to Build Creative Confidence
Creativity: The Art and Science | Psychology Today

Corporation for Public Broadcasting to Shut Down After 58 Years Due to Trump Eliminating Funding
Variety

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Corporation for Public Broadcasting Votes to Shut Down
The New York Times

A New Pterosaur, Ancient Asteroid Brine and More Discoveries from the National Museum of Natural History in 2025
National Museum of Natural History | Smithsonian Voices

2026 Salk's Year of Brain Health
The Salk Institute

Art Under Threat? The Impact of AI on Creative Writing
PEN America

Medtech pioneer Dr. Tom Fogarty passes away at 91
Medical Design and Outsourcing

Engineering professors studying how co-op impacts student journey
UC News | University of Cincinnati

Governor Murphy Signs Legislation Establishing the New Jersey Innovation Authority
Office of Governor Phil Murphy

Also
Under a new governor, New Jersey will keep its innovation office and its innovation chief
State Scoop

Meet the artists leading community-driven development
J.P. Morgan

UA Little Rock Kicks Off New Year with Creativity
University of Arkansas at Little Rock News

Helping Others May Be an Easy Way to Keep Your Brain Young, Study Finds
Science Alert

Jensen Huang Says Nvidia's New Vera Rubin Chips Are in 'Full Production'
WIRED

Science in 2050: the future breakthroughs that will shape our world — and beyond
Nature

Storytelling in STEM: connecting concepts, confidence and identity
Times Higher Education

New NASA Chief Pushes Back on Claims Agency Is Trashing Its History
Space & Spaceflight | Gizmodo

Studio Ghibli gallops into the new year with hand-drawn Year of the Horse tribute by Hayao Miyazaki
Design TAXI

Opinion | Science Keeps Changing. So Why Should We Trust It?
Guest Essay | The New York Times

Michael Jordan says his Bulls contract had a clause he's positive no players today have. It's the secret to becoming the best
Work Life | Fast Company

Wyclef Jean reveals his creative super power—and how you can tap into it too
Design | Fast Company

A class-action lawsuit against McDonald's boldly asks: Is the McRib really rib?
Design | Fast Company

AI could transform education . . . if universities stop responding like medieval guilds
Tech | Fast Company

Framing ADHD as a strength can lead to better mental health
Work Life | Fast Company

How this startup designed an ultra lightweight EV
Design | Fast Company

Dr. Robert Sternberg: The psychology of wisdom, love, and creativity
The Science of Creativity with Dr. Keith Sawyer

The Hidden Discipline for Transformation Success
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Who eats lunch first
Seth's Blog

See our favorite pictures of 2025 taken by ... you
Photography | National Geographic

Why more Millennials are going 'chronically offline' and turning back to analog experiences
Upworthy

US Mint's coin designs for America's 250th anniversary go into circulation, serving as mini history lessons
DesignTAXI

LEGO builds its 'biggest innovation' toys constructed from new 'Smart Bricks'
DesignTAXI

What Are You Designed to Do?
Innovation You | Psychology Today

The Healing Power of Art
The Asylum | Psychology Today

The Gene Kelly School of Life
The Atlantic

Hollywood Jobs Are Disappearing
Spotify and The Wall Street Journal

Meet the middle-schoolers keeping cursive alive, one swoop at a time
The Washington Post

The College Backlash Is a Mirage
The Atlantic

Repeat Moviegoers Help Hollywood Eke Out a Slightly Better 2025
The New York Times

The most exciting museum openings in 2026
The Art Newspaper

The Fragile Foundations of the Intelligent Age
Ideas | TIME

The True Story About New Year's Resolutions (It's Not What You Think)
The Science of Creativity with Dr. Keith Sawyer

The cultural works becoming public domain in 2026, from Betty Boop to Nancy Drew
NPR

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Lifecycle of Copyright: 1930 Works in the Public Domain
Copyright: Creativity at Work | Library of Congress Blog

Visual Lessons About Creativity. Mostly. Reflecting on the art I saw in 2025 and what it says
Creativity Decision | Zorana Ivcevic Pringle

The Continuous Creative Act of Holding on and Letting Go: 10 Beautiful Minds on the Art of Growing Older
The Marginalian

Instead of Making Resolutions, Set Creative Intentions
The Dimensions of Creativity | Psychology Today

Top 40 Innovation Authors of 2025
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

The most popular TED Talks of 2025 — and what's next for 2026
TED Blog

Remembering the actors, musicians, writers and artists we lost in 2025
Obituaries | NPR

How to lead with confidence in 2026
IDEO Journal

26 Coolest and Most Inspired Acting Oscar Nominated Performances This Century (So Far)
Variety

A New Bridge Links the Strange Math of Infinity to Computer Science
WIRED

Flu Is Relentless. Crispr Might Be Able to Shut It Down
WIRED

This fun hobby may reduce your dementia risk by 76 percent
The Washington Post

New life on Mars: babies in space
Nesta

Science in 2026: what to expect this year
Nature Podcast

Sit Still or Move More? The Impact of Fidgeting on Creativity
APA Psychnet | American Psychological Association

The Opera Star With Heavy-Metal (and Philosophy) Chops
The New York Times

12 CEOs share bold predictions for 2026
Modern CEO | Fast Company

This ingenious umbrella just solved a 175-year-old design flaw
Design | Fast Company

Turn sports venues into year-round destinations
Fast Company Executive Board

This asteroid is spilling secrets about the origin of life on Earth
Science | National Geographic

To explore space, scientists want to turn the moon into a gas station
Science | National Geographic

Science fiction warned AI could end humanity. We may soon learn if it's possible.
Science | National Geographic

Growing Older Without Growing Old: The Secret Hidden in Time
Clinical Wisdom for a New World | Psychology Today

What Music Teaches Us About Managing Time
The Flow of Creativity | Psychology Today

Opinion | Whatever Ails You, the Answer Is Dance
Guest Essay | The New York Times

The Last Days of the Southern Drawl
The Atlantic

Inside John Mayer's takeover of a Hollywood music mecca
Y! Entertainment | Los Angeles Times

Feeling Old Yet? These Iconic Albums Turn 50 in 2026
Mental Floss

The Next Big Idea Club's Staff Picks of 2025
Book of the Day from The Next Big Idea Club

Celebrating A Decade of Innovation: Winners Announced for The 10th Annual Hawai'i Annual Code Challenge
Office of Governor Josh Green, MD

Dwayne Johnson on Surviving His Dysfunctional Childhood and Shedding 'The Responsibility of Making the Audience Feel Good'
Variety

Our Greatest Insights from 2025
Gapingvoid

The Tomb of Something Lost Forever
Learning and Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

5 remarkable engineering innovations of 2025
Popular Science

How A Hollywood Actress Uses Storytelling To Explain Complex Ideas
Forbes

Physicists Finally Solved One Of The Biggest Mysteries About Fusion Energy
Slash Gear

Scientists Made a Quantum Leap in the Fifth State of Matter
Popular Mechanics

Top 10 people in science for 2025, according to Nature
New Atlas

Alzheimer's Fully Reversed in Mice, Scientists Say
Galaxy Brain | Futurism

The Movie Theater Comeback That Wasn't: Why 2025 Was Such a Dud for Struggling Cinemas
Variety

Science history: Richard Feynman gives a fun little lecture — and dreams up an entirely new field of physics — Dec. 29, 1959
Live Science

9 Discoveries From the Past Year That Blew Scientists' Minds
Discover Wild Science

Mathematicians spent 2025 exploring the edge of mathematics
New Scientist

The Best Songs of 2025

Variety

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The Ultimate Advice for a More Creative Life

Creative Insights | Psychology Today

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The **National Creativity Network** believes that by fostering creativity in our society as a whole, and specifically with future generations, America can remain a leader in innovation and free enterprise. The very future of our communities and institutions depends on our ability to nurture and harness imagination to creatively solve problems. If creativity is to be nurtured, systems, institutions and networks must be transformed.

The opportunities that emerge to transform our nation are largely dependent upon the degree to which we are connected to each other. Our connection will become a catalyst:

- to enhance the flow of relevant information,
- and to improve the ease with which key nodes of creativity, be they in the domains of Education, Commerce, Culture or across disciplines, can gain access to the best thinking, best questions, and most successful practices as well as other resources their ventures may require.

Our strategy is to engage thought leaders across North America to create a powerful network for transformation.

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