



National Creativity Network

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

August 28, 2026

### QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

"I'm not going to limit myself just because people won't accept the fact that I can do something else." – Dolly Parton

"I don't try to describe the future. I try to prevent it." – Ray Bradbury

"Mystery creates wonder and wonder is the basis of man's desire to understand." – Neil Armstrong

"An original idea. That can't be too hard. The library must be full of them." – Stephen Fry

"It is known that Whistler when asked how long it took him to paint one of his "nocturnes" answered: "All of my life." With the same rigor he could have said that all of the centuries that preceded the moment when he painted were necessary. From that correct application of the law of causality it follows that slightest event presupposes the inconceivable universe and, conversely, that the universe needs even the slightest of events." – Jorge Luis Borges

"If we all worked on the assumption that what is accepted as true is really true, there would be little hope of advance." – Orville Wright

"I'm cool with failing so long as I know that there are people around me that love me unconditionally." – Dave Chappelle

### VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

**Why Jennifer Egan Trusts Anyone More Than Herself | Better in Person**  
*Freakonomics Radio Network*

**Trevor Noah implores U.S. journalists to ask themselves this one vital question**  
*Upworthy*

**Critical Condition: Health in Black America**

*NOVA | PBS*

**Your Imagination Is Out of Shape. Here's How to Rebuild It**

*The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter*

**Why AI Still Can't Teach You (Roger Azevedo)**

*The Science of Learning | Keith Sawyer*

**Everything around you can become a computer | Ivan Poupyrev**

*TED2019*

**Blue Sky Science: How fast could a human theoretically run?**

*Morgridge Institute for Research*

**Anne Pasternak and Michael Roth on Why Institutions Still Matter | Better in Person**

*Freakonomics Radio Network*

**Interview: The Hidden Math Behind Everything with Jordan Ellenberg | Particles of Thought**

*NOVA PBS Official*

**FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES**

**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**

**Tough Stuff: Women in the American Glass Studio**

*Corning Museum of Glass, LinkedIn*

**Through January 10**

**The Nature of Health: A Science + Art Symposium**

*Denver Botanical Gardens*

**September 17 – 18**

**Art, connection and creativity converge at the threshold**

*BloomingtonMN.gov*

**September 22 – October 27 | Tuesdays**

**Artists and Cultural & Creative Professionals at the Centre: Rethinking Work, Policy, and Cultural Ecosystems**

*ENCATC Congress 2026*

**September 23 - 25 | Nice, France**

**Creative Economy Pathways | 2026 Virtual Town Hall Series**

*Creating Abundance Collaborative*

**September 23 | Creative and Durable Skill Development for the Future of Work**

**October 14 | Creative Youth Development Launching the Next Generation of Artists**

**November 18 | Innovative Creative Economy Networks and Ecosystems**

**CMU's AI Institute for Societal Decision Making presents Creative AI and the Ethics of Art**

*Free to the People | Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh*

**November 17**

**TED 2027**

*TED*

**March 1 – 4, 2027 | San Diego, CA**

Also

**Join us at TED2027 in San Diego, March 1-4**

*TED Blog*

**March 1 – 4 | San Diego, CA**

**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**

**Yayoi Kusama, high priestess of polka dots, has died**

*Culture | NPR*

Also

**Yayoi Kusama, Pop Artist Who Expanded and Endured, Dies at 97**

*The New York Times*

**Yayoi Kusama, whose art evoked hallucinatory wonder, dies at 97**

*MSN, The Washington Post*

**Yayoi Kusama, artist of renowned polka dot paintings and installations, dies at 97**

*Design | Fast Company*

**Fertilizing the weeds**

*Seth's Blog*

**These 60-sided dice never have to be rolled twice**

*Design | Fast Company*

**The long and beautiful story of Native American graphic design**

*Design | Fast Company*

**'We'll always love you': How the internet, celebrities, and cities around the world are paying tribute to Dolly Parton**

*Fast Company*

Also

**It Was Dolly's World, We Were Just Living In It**

*Gapingvoid*

**Dolly Parton's Other Legacy: A Fortune Given Away, Dollar by Dollar**

*The New York Times*

**How Dolly Parton's '9 to 5' gave voice to working women**

*Work Life | Fast Company*

**What Dolly Parton Taught Us About Being Our Authentic Selves**

*Un-Numb | Psychology Today*

**Will Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Survive Without Her?**

*The New York Times*

**Dolly Parton Was One of the Biggest Stars in the History of Country Music. She Wanted to Be Remembered as a Songwriter**

*Arts & Culture | Smithsonian Magazine*

**Dolly Parton didn't just build a personal brand. She built a business ecosystem.**

*Bizwomen*

**Meta to Pay Up to \$17.1 Billion in Landmark Settlement Over Social Media Addiction Claims**

*The New York Times*

Also

**What's Changing for Teens on Instagram and Facebook**

*The New York Times*

**Will Meta's Changes Benefit Young Users' Mental Health?**

*The New York Times*

**Teens Are Divided on New Meta Restrictions**

*The New York Times*

**How Innovation Could Reshape Chemistry by 2050**

*National Academy of Sciences*

**WHO appoints 21 leading scientists to Science Council to help shape future health breakthroughs**

*World Health Organization (WHO)*

**NSF launches three new Science and Technology Centers with \$90M investment in transformative research**

*US National Science Foundation*

**We need the humanities in the age of AI**

*Opinion | Las Vegas Sun*

**Future remains uncertain for U.S. federal funding of behavioral, cognitive science**

*The Transmitter*

**What Is Your Brain Doing While You Read This?**

*Speaking in Tongues | Psychology Today*

**Small Colleges Face a Big Reckoning**

*The EDU Ledger*

**Activities That Make Geography Memorable**

*Student Engagement | Edutopia*

**A New Telescope Still Under Construction Accidentally Reveals How a Dying Star Returns Matter to Space**

*Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine*

**For Emily Wilson, Translating the Ancients Requires a Dash of Cardi B**

*The New York Times*

**Bill Gates Warns A.I. Is More Dangerous Than Big Tech Will Admit**

*The New York Times*

**F.D.A. Approves Drug Poised to Transform Care for Pancreatic Cancer**

*The New York Times*

Also

**FDA Approves Drug for Pancreatic Cancer in Milestone for Treatment of**

**Deadly Disease**  
*The Wall Street Journal*

**The Psychological Perks of Hobby-Maxxing**  
*Confessions of the Chronically Online | Psychology Today*

**Trump Administration Weighs Sale of Kehinde Wiley Painting in Larger Shift Away from ‘Globalist and Woke Ideologies’**  
*ARTnews*

**Taken for Granted? The NEA Under a New Regime**  
*American Theatre*

**Wildlife Photographer of the Year Whittles More than 65,000 Entries to the Top 100**  
*Colossal*

**Samuel Beckett’s Proustian moment**  
*The New Statesman*

**Dolly Parton, Superstar Whose Songs Spoke to Millions, Dies at 80**  
*The New York Times*

Also  
**Dolly Parton, one of country music's most singular performers, has died at age 80**  
*All Things Considered | NPR*

**Dolly Parton Died After a ‘Brief Battle’ With Cancer, According to Her Reps**  
*Variety*

**Dolly Parton Had the Voice, and Concerns, of an Earth Angel**  
*An Appraisal | The New York Times*

**Dolly Parton’s Bedazzled, Bewigged and Bodacious Style**  
*The New York Times*

**The Dolly Parton Effect Is a Bridge in a Divided World**  
*Radical Repair | Psychology Today*

**7 times Dolly Parton quietly made other people’s lives better**  
*Upworthy*

**How Dolly Parton's Imagination Library helps millions of kids discover reading**  
*Fast Company*

**National Geographic’s Vintage Photos of a Young Dolly Parton**  
*Photography | National Geographic*

**Dolly Parton’s business savvy helped her earn – and give away – millions**  
*Bizwomen*

**Dolly Parton's philanthropic legacy**

*The Chronicle of Philanthropy*

**Dolly Parton's greatest songs, and the stories behind them**

*WEAU, AP News*

**NSF's Funding Changes: What This Month's Announcements Mean for Our Community of Practice and the Nation's STEM Talent Pipeline**

*Connect. Catalyze. Change. | STEMconnector*

**Please stop doing these 6 things in public - Plus . . . summer books, a melancholy chart, and an existential Pink Poll**

*The Pink Report | Daniel Pink*

**Stories of Serendipity - What have YOU found that you weren't necessarily looking for?**

*The Art of Being Human | Sam Chaltain*

**SUCCESS STORY: Revising Programs to Support Educator Growth**

*Arts Education Partnership*

**By Opening a Model, a Chinese A.I. Lab May Test the World's Cybersecurity**

*The New York Times*

**These shockingly small houses were built to match what a 25-year-old can actually afford**

*Design | Fast Company*

**Corporate America is embracing AI more slowly than the hype suggests—but the pace is increasing**

*Tech | Fast Company*

**Why Reese's Book Club is betting big on 'micro-communities'**

*Experience Economy | Fast Company*

**Australia's music industry bans AI-generated songs from official charts**

*Design | Fast Company*

**Lego has launched 330 new products so far this year, including 'something for everyone.' It's paying off**

*Fast Company*

**In the Land of AI and Bamboo Forks**

*Virginia's Newsletter | Virginia Postrel*

**The Actual Future of AI**

*Human-Centered Change and Innovation*

**Hiding out**

*Seth's Blog*

**Can Humans Get Pregnant in Space?**

*Science | National Geographic*

**The turbulent AI era is here. The choices we make now are critical.**

*An Epochal Shift | Gates Notes*

**As Gustavo Dudamel Leaves LA, Here's an Ode to the Joy He Brought**

*The Wrap*

**Prominent Latino group blasts proposed Paramount-Warner merger**

*Hollywood Inc. | Los Angeles Times*

Also

**Can Rob Bonta Make His Case Against Paramount Without the Three Largest Theater Chains?**

*Variety*

**Iowa and Montana Ask Supreme Court to Block 'Politicized' Paramount-Warner Bros. Antitrust Suit Filed by California and 11 Other States**

*Variety*

**Compost modernity! The vision of solarpunk: joining nature with technology in vibrantly inclusive ways to create a world that truly blooms**

*Aeon Essays*

**Democracy v the machine: the birth of the digital age and the warnings that were ignored**

*The Guardian*

**Why poetry is a powerful form of climate communication**

*The Conversation*

**Literary Fiction Has Lost the Plot**

*Devon Halliday*

**The Odyssey: Explained by Greeking Out | Podcast Compilation**

*Nat Geo Kids*

**It's What Happens Around The Coffee Cup That's Interesting**

*Gapingvoid*

**New Morgridge investigator explores AI's rapid rise in healthcare**

*Morgridge Institute for Research*

**Engineering enters the operating room**

*EurekaAlert! | AAAS*

**Celebrating art in the College of Engineering**

*Engineering News | Texas A&M University*

**Five new neuroscience books, and other notable titles from 2026**

*The Transmitter*

**You're Already a Genius**

*The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter*

**7 science-backed things to do on your phone that are better than just scrolling**

*The Washington Post*

**The Literacy Gap Is Following Gen Z to College**

*The EDU Ledger*

**This 15-Foot Python Is the First Known Snake to Receive Electrochemotherapy for Cancer. Now, She's Officially Free of the Disease**

*Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine*

**The HPV Vaccine Isn't Just Preventing Cervical Cancer, New Research Reveals**

*Health | Gizmodo*

**It's One of Our Greatest and Most Controversial Novels. How Should It Be Taught?**

*The New York Times Magazine*

**A Drone Killed Three Ukrainians. It Was Guided Entirely by A.I.**

*The New York Times*

**A Smartphone Navigation App for People with Blindness and Low Vision**

*Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences*

**Including family and friend care partners in the arts in long-term care**

*Innovation in Aging | Oxford Academic*

**Sur La Table is adopting the Patagonia playbook with its new resale site**

*Design | Fast Company*

**Your smartwatch could soon be obsolete**

*Tech | Fast Company*

**YouTube Edu: educational videos that connect schools to the digital world**

*UNESCO*

**On the verge of done**

*Seth's Blog*

**How Art Can Help Rewrite the Plot**

*Do You See What I See? | Psychology Today*

**What Happens When AI Adapts to Us**

*Existence in Context | Psychology Today*

**Inside Mattel, where the world's most famous toys come to life: How the 'Toy Story' action figures are designed**

*El País*

**Facing a "deluge" from AI, this publication will only take pitches by phone**

*Nieman Lab*

**California Expected to Seek TV Channel Sales From Paramount-Warner**

*The Wall Street Journal*

**Language skills stay strong in older adults, even while other cognitive abilities decline**

*MIT News*

**Iowa Artists Float Water Quality Solutions with New Sculpture**

*Arts Midwest*

**Imagine an Organism**

*Inference*

**Earth's Organisms Developed Via Evolution. Some Theorists Wonder: What if the Entire Cosmos Did, Too?**

*Science & Nature | Smithsonian Magazine*

**Pluto Got Demoted 20 Years Ago. We're Still Not Sure What a Planet Really Is.**

*Science | National Geographic*

**The art of asking questions in a world full of answers**

*Work Life | Fast Company*

**The Attack on Equity in Medicine**

*Intention to Treat Podcast | New England Journal of Medicine*

Also

**Tools & Resources**

*Encoding Equity*

**California Cancels Talks With Paramount Over Warner Bros. Merger**

*The New York Times*

Also

**Paramount and California to Hold Preliminary Talks on Warner Bros. Deal**

*The New York Times*

**L.A. Mayor Karen Bass Weighs In on Paramount-Warner Bros. Merger, Urges California AG Rob Bonta to Settle Antitrust Case: 'This Is Not About Taking Sides'**

*Variety*

**Paramount-Warner Bros. Merger Will Cost 4,500 L.A. Production Jobs, Report Finds**  
*Variety*

**Howard Gardner: How AI Will Force Us to 'Rethink' Education (Opinion)**  
*Education Week*

**Find The Side Door**  
*Gapingvoid*

**What happens when leaders connect unlikely groups**  
*Bizwomen*

**The Resilience of Uncertainty: How to Hold the Universe in You**  
*The Marginalian*

**Arts in Health is Making a Splash this Summer: Check Out 90 News Headlines Here**  
*Aly Maier & Arts in Health, Inc.*

**The Sadness of Sad Irons**  
*Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter*

**EngineerTeen Receives \$500,000 Grant from Zoom Cares**  
*National Academy of Engineering*

**Denormalizing Hypernormalization**  
*Gapingvoid*

**ABC Files First Amendment Lawsuit Against FCC**  
*Variety*

**How Big Tech Captured American Schools**  
*The New York Times*

**Dr. Dre and Jimmy Iovine Think A.I. Is Good for Music**  
*The New York Times*

**Educating for Workers, Not Thinkers.**  
*Bob Morrison*

**Effects of choral singing on depression and anxiety in older adults: A randomized controlled trial**  
*Journal of Psychiatric Research | Science Direct*

**American Alliance of Museums Launches Museum Leadership Academy and Announces Inaugural Cohort**  
*Museum Leadership Academy | American Alliance of Museums*

**Curiosity Leads South Milwaukee Middle Schooler to National STEM Festival**  
*DPI ConnectED | Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction*

**Increasing the Surface Area for Serendipity**

*The Art of Being Human | Dr. Jane R. Shore*

**Improve screen time for your kids**

*Fast Company Executive Board*

**The remarkably human task of giving AI 'good enough' taste**

*Design | Fast Company*

**AI has young writers between a rock and a hard place**

*Work Life | Fast Company*

**How the yellow school bus became an iconic symbol in America**

*Design | Fast Company*

**What are youth sports really for?**

*Impact Council | Fast Company*

**“Crafting the last mile of delight”**

*IDEO Journal*

**Bite-sized shows are taking over the internet**

*It's Been A Minute | NPR*

**A battle over 'Italian brainrot' could shape who owns AI art**

*All Things Considered | NPR*

**John Leguizamo on dealing with rejection: “You have to have rhino-thick skin.”**

*Wild Card with Rachel Martin | NPR*

**Gratitude Is Not Complacency: Paying Progress Forward**

*Virginia's Newsletter | Virginia Postrel*

**Never Trust a Guru**

*Human-Centered Change and Innovation*

**“Thanks for your quick response”**

*Seth's Blog*

**How to Lead Cross-Functional Teams Without Cracking**

*Human-Centered Change and Innovation*

**The Drucker drift**

*Seth's Blog*

**Over 100 years before the first computer, Ada Lovelace wrote the first program in 1842**

*Upworthy*

**Small bugs, big breakthroughs**

*Gates Notes*

**Is a Museum Just a Trophy Case? (Update)**

*Freakonomics Radio*

Also

**The Case of the \$4 Million Gold Coffin (Update)**

*Freakonomics Radio*

**Opinion | Why Vanderbilt is building campuses beyond Nashville**

*The Tennessean, Creative Class*

**Our Social Brains Couldn't Hang Up on the Telephone**

*The Innovator Next Door | Psychology Today*

**Imagining Synesthetically in Writing**

*Rethinking Thought | Psychology Today*

**Farewell to Summer and Playing With Sand**

*Play in Mind | Psychology Today*

**Smithsonian Plan for Latino Museum Would Avoid Vote in Congress**

*The New York Times*

**In which 'Winnie-the-Pooh' turns 100**

*Picture This | Weekend Edition Saturday | NPR*

**UW AI dean says universities should be 'counterbalance' to industry**

*WisBusiness*

**Ladies First: The Womack Sisters**

*HYFIN*

**'Stories in the Seams' Showcases the Enduring Legacy of Black Quilts Across Centuries**

*Colossal*

**The First Tool Humans Ever Built**

*Gapingvoid*

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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.

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