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An incredibly touching moment for our heroes. The Native American Women Warriors paying respect to our heroes at the Vietnam War Memorial in the national capital; Washington, DC.

NATHPO announces that the 18th National Tribal Preservation Conference will be hosted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in Ignacio, Colorado, the week of August 29, 2016.

[Click here for more information](#)

Tuesday, March 22, 2016. The **White House Water Summit** aims to raise awareness of the national importance of water, and will highlight new public and private sector commitments to build a sustainable water future.

Today's **encore** selection -- from ***Final Jeopardy: Man vs. Machine and the Quest to Know Everything*** by Stephen Baker. Even a Jeopardy uberchampion like Ken Jennings uses basic 'associative' reasoning techniques to answer many of the contest questions. Because only a woeful fifty bits of information per second make their way into the conscious brain, while an estimated eleven million bits of data flow from the senses every second, all of us regularly rely on the "gist" of things in our reasoning:

"A century ago, the psychologist William James divided human thought into two types, associative and true reasoning. For James, associative thinking worked from historical patterns and rules in the mind. True reasoning, which was necessary for unprecedented problems, demanded deeper analysis. This came to be known as the 'dual process' theory. Late in the twentieth century, Daniel Kahneman of Princeton redefined these cognitive processes as System 1 and System 2. The intuitive System 1 appeared to represent a primitive part of the mind, perhaps dating from before the cognitive leap undertaken by our tool-making Cro-Magnon ancestors forty thousand years ago. Its embedded rules, with their biases toward the familiar, steered people toward their most basic goals: survival and reproduction. System 2, which appeared to arrive later, involved conscious and deliberate analysis and was far slower. When it came to intelligence, all humans were more or less on an equal footing in the ancient and intuitive System 1. The rules were easy, and whether they made sense or not, everyone knew them. It was in the slower realm of reasoning, System 2, that intelligent people distinguished themselves from the crowd.

Still, great Jeopardy players like Ken Jennings cannot afford to ignore the signals coming from the caveman quarters of their minds. They need speed, and the easy answers pouring in through System 1 are often correct. But they have to know when to distrust this reflexive thought, when to pursue a longer and more analytical route. In [one] game, ... this clue popped up in the Tricky Questions category: 'Total number of each animal that Moses took on the ark with him during the great flood.' Jennings lost the buzz to Matt Kleinmaier, a medical student from Chicago, who answered, 'What is two?' It was wrong. Jennings, aware that it was supposed to be tricky, noticed that it asked for 'each animal' instead of 'each species.' He buzzed for a second chance at the clue and answered, 'What is one?' That was wrong, too. The correct answer, which no one came up with, was 'What is zero?'

"Jennings and Kleinmaier had fallen for a trick. Each had focused on the gist of the clue -- the number of animals boarding the biblical ark -- while ignoring one detail: The ark builder was Noah, not Moses. This clue actually came from a decades-old psychological experiment, one that has given a name -- the Moses Illusion -- to the careless thinking that most humans employ.

"It's easy enough to understand. The brain groups information into clusters. ... People tend to notice when one piece of information doesn't jibe with its expected group. It's an anomaly. But Noah and Moses cohabit numerous clusters. Thematically they are both in the Bible, visually, both wear beards. Phonetically, their names almost rhyme. A question about Ezekiel herding

animals into the ark might not pass so smoothly. According to a study headed by Lynn Reder, a psychologist at Carnegie Mellon, the Moses Illusion illustrates a facet of human intelligence, one vital for Jeopardy.

"Most of what humans experience as perception is actually furnished by the memory. This is because the conscious brain can only process a trickle of data. Psychologists agree that only one to four 'items,' either thoughts or sensations, can be held in mind, immediately available to consciousness, at the same time. Some have tried to quantify these constraints. According to the work of Manfred Zimmerman of Germany's Heidelberg University, only a woeful fifty bits of information per second make their way into the conscious brain, while an estimated eleven million bits of data flow from the senses every second. Many psychologists object to these attempts to measure thoughts and perceptions as digital bits. But however they're measured, the stark limits of the mind are clear. It's as if each person's senses generated enough data to run a 3D Omnimax movie with Dolby sound -- only to funnel it through an antediluvian modem, one better suited to Morse code. So how do humans re-create the Omnimax experience? They focus on the items that appear most relevant and round them out with stored memories, what psychologists call 'schemas.'

In the Moses example, people concentrate on the question about animals. The biblical details, which appear to fit into their expected clusters, are ignored. It's only when a wrong name intrudes from outside the expected orbit that alarms go off. In one experiment at Carnegie Mellon, when researchers substituted a former U.S. president for Moses, people noticed right away. Nixon had nothing to do with the ark, they said."

Final Jeopardy: Man vs. Machine and the Quest to Know Everything

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[New Report Ranks Nevada Counties on Health](#)

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A new report ranks Nevada counties on health; Douglas County ranks first, Mineral County last, and Clark County ranks sixth. (DMarshall/iStockphotos)

LAS VEGAS - When it comes to length and quality of life, Douglas County is first, Mineral County is last and Clark County is sixth out of 17 counties according to a study published Wednesday.

The seventh annual report, called [County Health, Rankings and Roadmaps](#), is a collaboration between the University of Wisconsin and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Raquel Bournhonesque, a spokesperson and community coach for the researchers, says it shows that where you make your home has a profound impact on how long and how well you live.

"We are ranking communities on factors that they can do something about," she says. "So community leaders can look closely at the rankings in their county and find common ground and pinpoint actions that can improve health."

The report evaluated dozens of factors, including measures of physical health but also health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and the physical environment.

Clark County, for example, with more than 2 million people, is trending downward in a number of categories.

Bournhonesque says Clark struggles with troubling rates of unemployment, lack of insurance, sexually transmitted disease, children in poverty and obesity.

"This is going in the wrong direction," she says. "Adult obesity is trending bad. So it's something community leaders need to be paying attention to in terms of where to focus their work."

The report also looked at the state of Nevada as a whole.

It showed the Silver State ranks lower than the national median on high school graduation, violent crime and housing, but does better on one health measure in particular, holding down the number of people who end up back in the hospital for preventable reasons.

QUOTATION OF THE DAY

"It took me a while because I took some breaks."

COLETTE BOURLIER, who was awarded a doctorate in geography at age 90, on why it took her 30 years to complete her thesis.

Funding Libraries in America: Increasing Your Revenue for 2016 (NEW)

Is your library or library system bracing for yet another budget cut? Does your administration continually have to make decisions about what can be funded, and what cannot? Do great ideas go unrealized because there is no money?

Join Cynthia Adams, CEO and President of GrantStation, as she explores the world of funding open to libraries. Learn about current trends you can use to help secure new revenue, as well as how to build strong collaborations to attract both private and government funds. This is a fast-paced, information packed webinar. We encourage library staff to take advantage of the group rate where up to ten people can log into the webinar from anywhere using any device.

The webinar will be held on Thursday, March 31, 2016. [Register Today!](#)

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College Board Award for Excellence and Innovation in the Arts

The College Board Award for Excellence and Innovation in the Arts recognizes the achievements

of arts initiatives that serve students in grades 6-12 and that promote student learning and creativity in exemplary and innovative ways. Click above to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

World of Children Award

The World of Children Award seeks to improve the lives of vulnerable children by funding and elevating the most effective changemakers for children worldwide. Click above to learn more about the award categories and nomination process.

National Funding

Support for Arts Collaborations Addressing Community Challenges

EmcArts: Community Innovation Labs

EmcArts, with funding from the Kresge Foundation, will be launching *Community Innovation Labs* in two new communities across the United States in 2016-2017. These Labs are an intervention designed to help communities use the arts so that stakeholders from different sectors can work together in innovative new ways in response to a specific challenge. Community stakeholders may include local arts organizations, city agencies, community foundations, academic institutions, and community-based organizations. The Labs' framework prioritizes four key principles: 1) a focus on building dense, cross-sector networks; 2) a willingness to slow down in order to see systems as a whole; 3) an ability to harvest the unique contributions of artists and cultural workers; and 4) a willingness to let go of linear planning in favor of experimental learning. Letters of inquiry must be submitted by April 11, 2016. (There will be an informational webinar on the letter of inquiry process held on March 22 at 1pm ET.) Visit the *Community Innovation Labs* website to register for the webinar and submit an online letter of inquiry.

Interactive Game Programs Educating Youth Funded

Entertainment Software Association (ESA) Foundation

The Entertainment Software Association (ESA) Foundation is dedicated to supporting positive programs and opportunities that make a difference in the lives of today's youth. The Foundation seeks to harness the collective power of the interactive entertainment industry to create positive social impact. Grants of up to \$50,000 are provided to nonprofit organizations for programs that serve youth ages seven to 18. Funded programs and services should utilize technology or computer and video games to educate America's youth and young adults. Programs must be available nationwide, or reach at least two or more states. The application deadline is May 2, 2016. Visit the Foundation's website to submit an online grant application.

Grants Encourage Outdoor Exploration

The North Face Explore Fund

The North Face Explore Fund provides grants to nonprofit organizations throughout the country that connect people to the outdoors and support outdoor exploration. The Fund supports efforts to provide participants experiences that nurture an enduring appreciation of the outdoors; use outdoor exploration as the catalyst for positive personal or societal change, such as increasing personal resilience and improving opportunities for life success and future engagement in conservation activities; and encourage participants to try new outdoor activities such as camping, hiking, rock climbing, mountaineering, skiing, snowboarding, yoga, running, and mountain

biking. (In 2016, to celebrate the National Park Service Centennial, special consideration will be given to organizations that choose to activate their programs in national parks.) The application deadline is April 5, 2016. Visit the Fund's website to submit an online application.

Initiatives to Create a Path to the Economic Mainstream Supported

The Kresge Foundation: Human Services Program

The Kresge Foundation works to improve the life circumstances of poor and low-income children and adults and those living in underserved communities. Through the Human Services Program, the Foundation seeks to expand access and opportunity for individuals and families who are vulnerable and low-income by strengthening human services organizations and promoting new responses to challenges in the sector. One of the program's focus areas, "Advancing the effectiveness of human-serving organizations," provides grants to enhance the ability of high-performing organizations to innovate and effectively support individuals and families on the path to self-sufficient, self-determined lives. Preference is given to nonprofit organizations and government entities that employ integrated, innovative, culturally responsive approaches to change the circumstances of people outside the economic mainstream. Preliminary inquiries may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the Foundation's website for more information.

Regional Funding

Funds for Programs Serving Veterans in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and DC

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

The mission of The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation is to help low-income and vulnerable individuals and families by providing grants to nonprofit organizations that offer direct services. In addition to its existing grant areas, Basic Human Needs and Health, Disabilities, Education, General Community Support, Older Adults, and Workforce Development, on March 1st the Weinberg Foundation began accepting grants in a new program area serving veterans and their families. The grants portfolio for veterans primarily supports nonprofit organizations serving veterans and their families in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington, DC. Grants are provided to organizations committed to ensuring military members and their families effectively reintegrate into their communities. Priority is given to programs focused on workforce development, physical and mental health, and the elimination of barriers to a variety of services. Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the Veterans Program funding guidelines and application process.

Grants for Walking Trails in Kansas

Sunflower Foundation: Sunflower Trails

The Sunflower Foundation is dedicated to serving as a catalyst for improving the health of Kansans. The Foundation's Sunflower Trails program supports the concept of the "built environment" as a strategy to increase opportunities for physical activity in Kansas communities and therefore reduce the prevalence of obesity. The current Sunflower Trails Request for Proposals (RFP) supports the building of new, or the enhancement of existing, community-based and school-based walking trails. Nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and schools and school districts in the state of Kansas are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$55,000, depending

on the grant category. Applicants must demonstrate a match of \$1 for every \$1 requested. The application deadline is May 2, 2016. Visit the Foundation's website to review the RFP and learn more about the application process.

Support for Organizations Promoting an Equitable Oregon

Meyer Memorial Trust

The mission of the Meyer Memorial Trust is to work with and invest in organizations, communities, ideas, and efforts that contribute to a flourishing and equitable Oregon. The Trust's current funding opportunities include the following portfolios: The Housing Opportunities portfolio is dedicated to ensuring that every Oregonian has a safe and affordable place to call home, with a focus on communities of color, underserved rural communities, and other vulnerable populations. The application deadline is May 9, 2016. The Building Community portfolio focuses on furthering the goal of supporting leaders, organizations, and networks addressing issues of equity. The application deadline is May 23, 2016. The Healthy Environment portfolio promotes organizations that nurture a resilient natural environment, diverse cultures, and thriving communities. The application deadline is June 6, 2016. Visit the Trust's website to learn more about the application guidelines for these portfolios.

Company Communities in the Northeast Funded

Public Service Electric and Gas Foundation

The Public Service Electric and Gas (PSEG) Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in communities served by the company in New Jersey, as well as Bridgeport and New Haven, CT, and Albany and Long Island, NY. The Foundation's funding categories include STEM Education, Safety and Preparedness, and Sustainable Neighborhoods. Grant requests may be submitted through the company's website on a rolling basis until October 31st of each year. (The Foundation also periodically issues requests for proposals that address specific issues throughout the year.) Visit the PSEG website to learn more about the Foundation's focus areas and application procedure.

Federal Funding

Program Supports Healthy Behaviors for Minority Youth

Department of Health and Human Services

The Communities Addressing Childhood Trauma (ACT) program seeks to address unhealthy behaviors in minority youth and provide them with opportunities to learn coping skills and gain experiences that contribute to more positive lifestyles and enhance their capacity to make healthier life choices. The application deadline is April 18, 2016.

Economic and Business Development Funded

Administration for Children and Families

The Community Economic Development Projects program supports innovative projects to enhance job creation and business development for low-income individuals. The application deadline is April 27, 2016.

A second environmental activist in Honduras has been murdered, two weeks after high-profile organizer Berta Caceres was killed in her home. The two activists both belonged to

the Civic Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras, which has opposed big development projects like the Agua Zarca dam. On Wednesday, international investors [suspended their support of the dam](#). *Guardian / teleSUR*

Lawmakers tour Tesla's secretive battery factory

A Tesla Model S. (Courtesy, CNN) [image](#)By SEAN WHALEY LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL CAPITAL BUREAU

CARSON CITY — Ten state lawmakers received a tour of Tesla's secretive new battery gigafactory under construction east of Reno on Wednesday.

Lawmakers who accepted the invitation for the sneak peak also had a chance to meet with Tesla CEO Elon Musk and Lyndon Rive, founder of the rooftop solar company SolarCity and Musk's cousin. Musk is SolarCity's chairman and largest shareholder.

The lawmakers, representing both parties and both the Assembly and Senate, included Assembly Majority Leader Paul Anderson, R-Las Vegas, and Senate Minority Leader Aaron Ford, D-Las Vegas. Steve Hill, executive director of the Governor's Office of Economic Development, also took the tour. Media representatives were not invited.

Recent Oscar winner Leonardo DiCaprio, a climate change adherent, was also at the Tesla factory on Wednesday. While he chatted with lawmakers he was there primarily to interview Musk for a documentary.

After the tour, the lawmakers heard a vision of Nevada's energy future that Rive suggested should include a net metering policy that will reduce reliance on centralized fossil fuel plants and instead focus more on rooftop solar and storage.

In his presentation, Rive said Nevada is at an inflection point.

"Do we continue building old technology, or embrace the new energy economy?" he asked.

SolarCity stopped selling and installing new rooftop solar systems in Nevada after state utility regulators adopted a new rate classification for net metering, where homeowners receive a credit for the excess energy their systems generate.

The company said 550 jobs were lost in Nevada because the new rates no longer provide any incentive to install rooftop solar systems.

"Tonight we presented to a group of Nevada's leaders how innovative new technologies will enable a distributed energy grid that empowers customers," Rive said in comments provided to the Review-Journal. "We thank Tesla for providing their Gigafactory to show this future of energy being built right here in Nevada."

Tesla weighed in on the net metering issue prior to a final decision made last month by the Nevada Public Utilities Commission, arguing in particular against a new, higher monthly fixed charge for rooftop solar customers being phased in over the next 12 years.

Diarmuid O'Connell, vice president of business development for Tesla Motors Inc., said in a letter to the PUC that new distributed energy technologies such as energy storage and electric vehicles, among others, "are making it easier than ever for customers to be active grid participants responding to price signals built into their rates."

Lawmakers who took the tour passed a bill in the 2015 legislative session directing the PUC to consider a new separate rate for net metering customers. The issue is expected to surface again in the 2017 session.

A coalition of rooftop solar groups also is seeking to put the net metering issue in front of the voters in November. A referendum petition has been filed but is being contested in Carson City District Court. NV Energy, a subsidiary of Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway, is fighting the referendum.

Rive said in his presentation that with a strong net metering policy, the next step will be battery storage technology that will allow excess electricity to be returned to the grid when it is needed most. The Tesla gigafactory is looking at battery technology not only to produce a lower cost electric car, but at the rooftop solar storage market as well.

Nevada lawmakers in September 2014 approved \$1.3 billion in tax incentives to lure Musk's massive battery factory to the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center east of Reno. The \$5 billion, 10 million-square-foot factory is a joint project of Tesla Motors and Panasonic Corp. and is currently under construction.

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Ontario will work with the Indigenous peoples of Six Nations to turn one of North America's biggest coal plants into a huge solar farm.

Rhonda Gardner We have enjoyed seeing many of our friends' photos from being nominated to post a photo a day for 7 days in "One with Nature". I have been nominated by [Norm Cavanaugh](#) to post a photo a day, starting today. My photo for Day One was taken from the west side of Ruby Valley, NV, looking towards the Ruby Mountains, which have been described as being "Nevada's Swiss Alps". Borrowing Norm's commentary on his photo of the Ruby Mountains, this is what their name is in the Shoshoni language. "(Daca Toyobee) means snowy mountains in Shoshoni"

[Norm Cavanaugh](#) Sounds good. Now you got me to wondering about the extension of the Rubies that are east of Starr Valley. The mountain that has a hole or resembles a hole that one can see daylight through early in the morning when the sun is rising. I have wondered if that area has a name and if anyone has



ever hiked up to that area...just curious:)

HUD Position Announcements:

Supervisory Grants Evaluation Specialist (GS-14), Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs (Chicago, IL)

Apply on-line: Internal Candidates and Open to the Public. Deadline to apply is March 30, 2016.

- Staff Assistant, GS-09, Washington, DC. This Vacancy Announcement is available on USAJOBS. The position is open to MP (Current HUD employees) and DEU (External applicants). Deadline to apply is March 29, 2016.

o Internal Applicants: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/432835500>

o External Applicants: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/432837500>

After Keystone failure, TransCanada comes up with another pipeline scheme in the U.S. **MELISSA CRONIN**

EPA urges tribes to apply US water-quality guides **NWAOnline**

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Rotary Report:

A First Nation community in **British Columbia** has refused to allow a natural gas terminal at the mouth of the Skeena River despite huge payment offers.

"Opportunities like that don't come to your door every day. But I give my people credit for taking that bold step. They showed their love and their passion for the land and water. No amount of money can compare to the richness of the river and what it gives us." –Yahaan, hereditary chief of the Lax Kw'alaams First Nation in British Columbia, on the community's [refusal to take a \\$1.15 billion payoff](#) to allow a liquefied natural gas terminal to be built at the mouth of the Skeena River. They continue to oppose the terminal. (*Guardian*)

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Haskell Indian Nations University's Tyler Sumpter (Paiute) named a 2016 NAIA Division II Women's Basketball All-American Posted on March 21, 2016 by...ndnsports.com

World's Eco-Friendliest Country, Bhutan, Celebrates Birth Of New Prince By Planting 108,000 trees

How does Bhutan, the world's most eco-friendly and carbon-negative country, celebrate the birth of their new prince? By planting trees of course. Lots and lots... boredpanda.com

<http://www.upworthy.com/a-horseshoe-shaped-device-that-can-help-those-without-sight-explore-the-world-better-than-ever?c=upw1>

THE INSTITUTE FOR TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS (ITEP) offers a training course on Developing and Implementing Tribal Solid Waste Codes in Albuquerque, New Mexico, May 10-12, 2016. Attendees will learn how to conduct initial research, craft new codes or refine existing ones, and implement finalized codes. ITEP will accept up to 20 participants for

this course. All attendees who work for federally-recognized tribes will have their lodging costs covered in advance. In addition, ITEP will reimburse per diem & transportation expenses for attendees. Contact Roberta Tohannie at Roberta.Tohannie@nau.edu for a course application. Course applications must be submitted by April 15, 2016.

NATIVE AMERICAN FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (NAFOA) EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS:

The OMB Uniform Guidance: Internal Controls - Meeting Federal Requirements for Accountability

The OMB Uniform Guidance: A Deeper Dive into Procurement Standards Learning Materials

The OMB Uniform Guidance: Indirect Cost Rates - Why it Matters to Tribal Governments Learning Materials

