

1) The world is complex and interconnected, and the evolution of our communications system from a broadcast model to a networked one has added a new dimension to the mix. **The Internet has made us all less dependent on professional journalists and editors for information about the wider world, allowing us to seek out information directly via online search or to receive it from friends through social media.** But this enhanced convenience comes with a considerable risk: that we will be exposed to what we want to know at the expense of what we need to know. While we can find virtual communities that correspond to our every curiosity, there's little pushing us beyond our comfort zones to or into the unknown, even if the unknown may have serious implications for our lives.

What does "**this enhanced convenience**" refer to in the text?

2) Yogi Berra, the former Major League baseball catcher and coach, once remarked that you can't hit and think at the same time. **The idea is that once you have developed the ability to play an arpeggio on the piano, put a golf ball or parallel park, attention to what you are doing leads to inaccuracies, blunders and sometimes even utter paralysis.** As the great choreographer George Balanchine would say to his dancers, "Don't think, dear; just do." Perhaps you have experienced this destructive force yourself.

What does "**this destructive force**" refer to in the text?

3) What drives traffic on most "news" websites is not journalism but a combination of snark and celebrity clickbait. **Much of it is churned out in soul-destroying content factories manned by inexperienced-and therefore inexpensive-young people without the time or incentive to dig deeply into anything.** This deficit is particularly acute where it matters most: in the kind of expensive, far-flung reporting that is either dangerous to the lives of those doing the work or harmful to the bottom lines of the publications paying for it. The idea that readers will pay the actual cost of meaningful journalism has never been sustainable in the United States and has brought down nearly every entity that has tried to depend on it.

* What does "**this deficit**" refer to?

4) Although the line between species, sub-species and populations is a blurry one, researchers are confident that the humpback dolphin is distinct enough to warrant the "species" title. **The mitochondrial DNA turned up genetic signatures distinct enough to signal a separate species,** and likewise, differences in the dolphins' skulls supported this divergence. Although the nuclear

DNA provided a slightly more confounding picture, it still clearly showed differences between the four species.

What does "this divergence" refer to?

5) Soon after the Big Bang, there were tiny ripples: quantum fluctuations in the density of the seething ball of hot plasma. Billions of years later, those seeds have grown into galaxy clusters - sprawling groups of hundreds or thousands of galaxies bound together by gravity. But there seems to be a mismatch. Results released last year suggest that as much as 40% of galaxy-cluster mass is missing when compared with the amount of clustering predicted by the ripples. The findings have led theorists to propose physics beyond the standard model of cosmology to make up the difference.

* What do "those seeds" refer to?

* What do "the findings" refer to?

6) Conservationists have historically been at odds with the people who inhabit wildernesses. During the last half of the 20th century, millions of indigenous people were ousted from their homelands to establish nature sanctuaries free of humans. Most succumbed to malnutrition, disease and exploitation. Such outcomes- coupled with the realization that indigenous groups usually help to stabilize ecosystems by, for instance, keeping fire at bay-have convinced major conservation groups to take local human concerns into account. The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) now describes indigenous peoples as "natural allies," and the Nature Conservancy pledges to seek their "free, informed and prior" consent to projects impacting their territories.

What does "such outcomes" refer to?

7) The starlings show up over Rome around dusk, heading for their roosts after a day of feeding in the countryside. In flocks of several hundred to several thousand, they form sinuous streams, whirling cylinders, cones or ribbons spread across the sky like giant flags. Wheeling and dipping together, they reminded Andrea Cavagna, a physicist at the National Research Council of Italy, of atoms falling into place in a superfluid state of matter called a Bose-Einstein condensate. Out of curiosity, Cavagna deployed a camera to record these acrobatics.

What do "these acrobatics" refer to?

8) I wish to speak to-day, not as a Massachusetts man, nor as a Northern man, but as an American, and a member of the Senate of the United States. It is fortunate that there is a Senate of the United States; a body not yet moved from its propriety, not lost to a just sense of its own dignity and its own high responsibilities, and a body to which the country looks, with confidence, for wise, moderate, patriotic, and healing counsels.

What does "a body" refer to?

9) It was one hundred and forty-four years ago that members of the Democratic Party first met in convention to select a Presidential candidate. A lot of years passed since 1832, and during that time it would have been most unusual for any national political party to ask a Barbara Jordan to deliver a keynote address. But tonight, here I am. And I feel that notwithstanding the past that my presence here is one additional bit of evidence that the American Dream need not forever be deferred. Now that I have this grand distinction, what in the world am I supposed to say?

What does "this grand distinction" refer to?

10)

That time of year thou mayst in me behold
When yellow leaves, or none, or few, do hang
Upon those boughs which shake against the cold,
Bare ruin'd choirs, where late the sweet birds sang.
In me thou see'st the twilight of such day
As after sunset fadeth in the west,
Which by and by black night doth take away,
Death's second self, that seals up all in rest.
In me thou see'st the glowing of such fire
That on the ashes of his youth doth lie,
As the death-bed whereon it must expire,
Consum'd with that which it was nourish'd by.
This thou perceiv'st, which makes thy love more strong,
To love that well which thou must leave ere long.

What does "death's second self" refer to?