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## What's Emerging

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### What's behind the honeybee decline? Perhaps not what you've heard

*Paul Higgins: A thoughtful piece on how jumping to conclusions might give you the wrong answer.*

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### Robot stealth fighter jet ready to take off

Boeing's sleek fighter-size Phantom Ray stealth jet will make its first flight by year's end. This unmanned airborne system is designed for a variety of warfighter roles ranging from reconnaissance and surveillance to aerial refuelling, electronic attack and hunter/killer missions. [Read more...](#)

### Why factories are leaving China

A labor shortage is trimming margins for exporters, who are moving to Vietnam, India, and elsewhere [Read more...](#)

### Rabies on our doorstep

AFTER 100 years of trickling through Indonesia, rabies has arrived at Australia's back gate. [Read more...](#)

### Pentagon virus detector knows you are sick before you do

Imagine knowing you'll be too sick to go to work, before the faintest hint of a runny nose or a sore throat. Now imagine that pre-emptive diagnosis being transmitted to a national, web-based influenza map — simply by picking up the phone. [Read more...](#)

### Food companies commit to drastic calorie cuts

The Healthy Weight Commitment Foundation (H.W.C.F.) has pledged to reduce 1.5 trillion calories by the end of 2015, a decrease its food and beverage manufacturing member companies intend to sustain in subsequent years. [Read more...](#)

### C.mm,n

C,mm,n (pronounced 'common') is an open source community for sustainable personal mobility. [Read more...](#)

### Doubt is cast on many reports of food allergies

A new report, commissioned by the federal government, finds the field is rife with poorly done studies, misdiagnoses and tests that can give misleading results..... [Read more...](#)

### Shapeways goes gold

Fab n' ship cats Shapeways continues to offer fun new materials; this time, gold. From today until the 30th you can order Gold Plated Stainless Steel. [Read more...](#)

### **Sleeping for less than six hours may cause early death, study finds**

Researchers find 'unequivocal' link between lack of sleep and increased risk of premature death. [Read more...](#)

### **Eradicating smallpox 'helped spread HIV'**

Scientists believe the vaccine used to wipe out smallpox offered some protection against HIV, but its gradual withdrawal allowed the virus to flourish. The US investigators say trials indicate the smallpox jab interferes with the way HIV spreads within the body. [Read more...](#)

### **Patients' social network predicts drug outcomes**

Startup PatientsLikeMe is harvesting and analysing patient information in a whole new way. The company's cofounder, James Heywood, believes the site will ultimately change the way drugs and other interventions are evaluated. [Read more...](#)

### **LucyPhone**

LucyPhone hangs on for you until a human operator turns up. Use the company's phone menu just as you normally would. Get put on hold? Press \*\* and your phone will be disconnected but Lucy will stay on the line. Once a live agent is on the line, Lucy will call you back immediately and connect you both. Get put on hold again, just press \*\* again!. [Read more...](#)

### **The third billion**

As growing numbers of women enter the economic mainstream, they will have a profound effect on global business. [Read more...](#)

### **Check your package: Dell expands use of bamboo for internal cushioning**

Technology giant Dell has been transitioning to bamboo for some of its internal packaging for some time, but now the company has received a certification designating that packaging as "compostable." In short, it's easier to discard and break down that was previously realized. [Read more...](#)

### **DNA robots on the move**

Machines made of DNA could one day assemble complex--and tiny--electrical and mechanical devices. [Read more...](#)

### **After success, devolution**

Great post by Kevin Kelly on the dynamic nature of the networked economy. [Read more...](#)

### **Is your car safe from hackers?**

Interconnected computer systems provide openings for attackers. [Read more...](#)

### **Whistle-blowers become investment option for Hedge funds**

Informants who turn in tax cheats have to wait years to get their share of any reward from the I.R.S.'s recently expanded whistle-blower program. So hedge funds, private equity groups and other big investors are offering an alternative. They are essentially agreeing to buy a percentage of those future payouts in exchange for a smaller amount upfront to the whistle-blowers. [Read more...](#)

### **Research paper - Self Discipline and Delay of Gratification V IQ**

IQ loses - discipline and delay of gratifications wins [Read more...](#)

### **Cellphones now used more for data than for calls**

For many Americans, cell phones have become irreplaceable tools to manage their lives and stay connected to the outside world, their families and networks of friends online. But increasingly, by several measures, that does not mean talking on them very much. [Read more...](#)

### **Foxtel to offer 30 channels via Microsoft's Xbox 360**

PAY TV operator Foxtel will partner with Microsoft to launch 30 of its channels via the Xbox 360 games console using the internet. [Read more...](#)

### **Barnes & Noble announces PubIt! For aspiring authors**

The new service allows you to upload a document, convert it to epub, and sell it on their B&N reader system, including on the Nook and iPad. It's coming this summer and is currently accepting sign-ups. [Read more...](#)

### **NASA-MIT 'greener' airplane could use 70% less fuel**

MIT has presented NASA with two new airplane designs as part of a \$2.1 million research contract to create more environmentally friendly planes. [Read more...](#)

### **Evernote zooms past 3 million users**

Evernote took 447 days to get its first million users, 222 days to get to its second million users, and 134 days to get to its third. [Read more...](#)

### **Helping the brain to help itself**

Transforming support cells in the brain into neurons might one day help repair damage from stroke or injury. [Read more...](#)

### **Eye tracking for mobile control**

"EyePhone" lets users browse through mobile phone menus at the blink of an eye. [Read more...](#)