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Welcome to the End-February Edition of What's Emerging

Welcome to the end February edition.

In the next few weeks Paul will be working on an industry policy debate for agriculture, presenting on the future of social media and app development, presenting to a NZ conference on education futures, with several other projects in the pipeline to be announced shortly.

If any of those approaches interest you then please contact us at info@emergentfutures.com.

We hope that you continue to find then newsletter interesting and useful.

Cheers,

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What are we writing about?

Paul was interviewed for the RobotOverlordz podcast for a discussion on a wide range of topics including AI, Robots, Energy System Transformation, Driverless Cars, Demographic Change, and the Rise of Social Enterprise. This was in the last newsletter but the show transcript notes are now up. You can listen to the podcast at https://www.robotoverlordz.fm/media/com_podcastmanager/robotoverlordz-ep00144.mp3 and for more of their shows go to <https://robotoverlordz.fm/> . If any of the subject matter that was covered interests you then please contact us at info@emergentfutures.com.


Business Tips

Get More Out of Evernote for iOS with Drafts and This Guide

Evernote is great, but it's not exactly the most minimal, easy to use app on iOS. That said, you can use [Drafts](#), another app in the App Store, to do a lot more with Evernote. Evernote Essentials author Brett Kelley shows off a bunch of tricks for integrating the two apps together for a better experience. [Read More...](#)

Don't think "And we got here with no marketing!" is impressive

Edited excerpt from "No Marketing" Isn't as Impressive as You Think by Ben Yoskovitz: [Read More...](#)

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When Recruiters Ask: "Do You Have Any Questions for Me?"

This question signals only one thing: the interviewer doesn't have any more prepared questions... and it is your turn to run the conversation! This is a perfect opportunity to show off the analytical insight you can bring to the job... and your chance to finish the interview on a high note. [Read More...](#)

In case you missed it: Most popular links from the Last Edition

[15 Awesome Tools You've Never Heard Of...](#)

Some of our favorite not-so-well-known tools that you should be using. One of my favorite things EVER is finding a super-useful and awesome tool that I had never heard of before. Recently, I've been going to Product Hunt to find the latest and coolest tools.

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IndieBio Will Accelerate Synthetic Biology To Tech Startup Speed

Can biology move at "internet speed"? Is there a Moore's Law for cells? What about the problems that cannot be solved by information technology alone? IndieBio, a new biotech accelerator based in both San Francisco and Cork, Ireland, is proposing to answer these questions and more. [Read More...](#)

Pipelines Explained: How Safe are America's 2.5 Million Miles of Pipelines?

At 6:11 p.m. on September 6, 2010, San Bruno, Calif. 911 received an urgent call. A gas station had just exploded and a fire with flames reaching 300 feet was raging through the neighborhood. The explosion was so large that residents suspected an airplane crash. [Read More...](#)

Israeli doctors rebuild Syrian man's face using 3D printer

Doctors at Haifa's Rambam Hospital have rebuilt the face of a young Syrian man using a ground-breaking technique in which new bones are created using a 3D laser printer, the BBC reports. [Read More...](#)

12 Risks That Threaten Human Civilisation

This report has, to the best of the authors' knowledge, created the first list of global risks with impacts that for all practical purposes can be called infinite. [Read More...](#)

How wealth inequality entices talent into finance

The financial sector has grown steadily and rapidly since World War II in many advanced economies. The growth of the financial sector is apparent by any measure. [Read More...](#)

How our supercomputers are helping fight heart rhythm disease

Heart rhythm disease is a life-threatening, electrical disorder that stops the heart from pumping blood effectively. It is a lethal condition that is responsible for around 12 per cent of Australian deaths each year. [Read More...](#)

The U.S. government is poised to withdraw longstanding warnings about cholesterol

The nation's top nutrition advisory panel has decided to drop its caution about eating cholesterol-laden food, a move that could undo almost 40 years of government warnings about its consumption. [Read More...](#)

Virtual reality to revolutionise porn, real estate as smart goggles arrive in Australia

Gliding through the solar system, climbing the Eiffel Tower and standing centre stage at Cirque du Soleil can now all be done from the couch. [Read More...](#)

Experts brainstorm ways to fund cities to withstand disasters

BANGKOK (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - Governments must persuade businesses to invest in protecting cities from natural disasters, and climate and development experts should heed the needs of poor communities hardest hit by climate catastrophes, experts said. [Read More...](#)

Artificial Brain Edges Closer to Reality

Japanese researchers announced recently that they turned human embryonic stem cells into a three-dimensional structure similar to the cerebellum, the part of the brain responsible for motor movements and receiving information from our senses. [Read More...](#)

The United States of Megadrought

When it comes to drought in the West, we ain't seen nothin' yet. That's the conclusion from a new study that links an increasing risk of decades-long drought episodes in the western United States to human-induced climate change. [Read More...](#)

DARPA's 'Cortical Modem' will plug straight into your BRAIN

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is developing a brain interface it hopes could inject images directly into the visual cortex. news of the "Cortical Modem" project has emerged in transhumanist magazine Humanity Plus, which reports the agency is working on a direct neural interface (DNI) chip that could be used for human enhancement and motor-function repair. [Read More...](#)

Say "ahh" and let your smartphone check for Parkinson's disease

Smartphones are designed to be curious. Having already learned about your friendships, your family and the pattern of your daily routine, designers are now interested in your health and fitness. [Read More...](#)

Starved for Energy, Pakistan Braces for a Water Crisis

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Energy-starved Pakistanis, their economy battered by chronic fuel and electricity shortages, may soon have to contend with a new resource crisis: major water shortages, the Pakistani government warned this week. [Read More...](#)

Bangladesh aims to be world's 'first solar nation'

DHAKA, Bangladesh (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - Residents of Islampur, a remote village in the northern Bangladeshi district of Naogaon, were stunned one night last summer when the darkness was suddenly illuminated by electric lights coming from a village home. [Read More...](#)

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