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### Welcome to the Middle of June Edition of What's Emerging

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In the last couple of weeks and the next few weeks Paul has run a foresight process for Leadership Victoria, presented to the board and senior management of a large private school on the future world their students will live, facilitated a strategy session for a major not for profit organisation, will present three keynotes on the future of council services and present a keynote on the future for disability services beyond the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme. If any of these approaches interest you then please contact us at [info@emergentfutures.com](mailto: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?

The presentations and workshops that Paul has conducted over the last 2 weeks have all been private and therefore we have nothing in this section for this edition.

### ■ Business Tips

#### MEGA LIST OF REMOTE WORK TIPS AND TRICKS

Scott Berkun: There is a ton of advice on remote work and I'm compiling a list of good, simple advice for reference. [Read More...](#)

#### 7 Things Happy People Choose to Do Every Day

Science shows that you can have an impact on only 12 percent of the things that determine whether you're happy. The happiest people among us understand that if you make the right choices, that small sliver is enough. [Read More...](#)

#### 20 freelance problems and how to solve them

Life as a freelancer is filled with ups and downs and pros and cons. [Read More...](#)

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

### [Tackle Any Problem With These 3 Questions](#)

WARREN BERGER, AUTHOR OF A MORE BEAUTIFUL QUESTION, COLLECTED THE PROVOCATIVE QUESTIONS TOP DESIGNERS, TECH INNOVATORS, AND ENTREPRENEURS ASK THEMSELVES TO SPARK CREATIVITY.

## ■ What's Emerging

### The Well-Followed on Social Media Cash In on Their Influence

Good thing social media did not exist during the era of "Mad Men." It might have put Don and Peggy out of business. [Read More...](#)

### Republicans United on Climate Change

Remember when climate change could be a bipartisan issue? Newt Gingrich and Nancy Pelosi did an advertisement together, boasting of their partnership on the challenge it posed. John McCain also believed that man-made climate change was an urgent problem. [Read More...](#)

### State & Trends Report Charts Global Growth of Carbon Pricing

The share of greenhouse gas emissions covered by domestic carbon pricing initiatives increased significantly over the past year, led by the launch of six carbon markets in China. [Read More...](#)

### Smart Driving Assistant Comes To Android With Safety-Focused "Do Not Disturb" And Crash Alert Features

Automatic, the smart driving assistant that combines a small hardware device that plugs in your car and a mobile app that provides drivers with data about their vehicle and their driving habits, is now available on Android. [Read More...](#)

### Underground Fridge goes back to Basics to Save Money and The Environment

The eCool is an underground fridge for cooling canned drinks, based on the centuries-old practice of using the coolness of the ground to keep food and drink preserved and chilled. [Read More...](#)

### Leap Motion Adds More-Intricate Tracking to Its Amazing Controller

Leap Motion's newest motion-tracking software just got much more precise. Today, the company released its Version 2 (V2) software to developers in a public beta. The update allows developers to create applications that can make use of very subtle finger and joint movements. [Read More...](#)

### March of the Middle Class

Workers in poor countries have never had it so good. [Read More...](#)

### Secret Service Software Will 'Detect Sarcasm' in Social Media Users

The Secret Service is purchasing software to watch users of social networks in real time, according to contract documents. [Read More...](#)

### US Seasteading Group Plans Floating 'Microcountries' with 'Start-up Governments'

A US organisation is hoping a plan to create cities which float on the ocean will see them not only produce their own food but establish their own governments. [Read More...](#)

### Internet Explorer Has Basically Been Annihilated By Google's Chrome Browser

Back in the prehistoric era - 2008 - Microsoft's Internet Explorer browser roamed the web like a diplodocus, eating everything in its path. As many as 90% of users saw the internet via Explorer. [Read More...](#)

## What's Emerging?

### Brain Circuit Problem likely sets stage for the 'voices' that are Symptom of Schizophrenia

Scientists have identified problems in a connection between brain structures that may predispose individuals to hearing the 'voices' that are a common symptom of schizophrenia. Researchers linked the problem to a gene deletion. This leads to changes in brain chemistry that reduce the flow of information between two brain structures involved in processing auditory information. [Read More...](#)

### Wearable technology for animals - a \$2.6bn Market worth watching

Wearable technology for humans is all the rage. As "the next big thing", it involves head-on clashes between some of the largest companies on the planet. Those interested in such technologies would therefore be wise to take a look at wearable technology for animals. [Read More...](#)

### Softbank's Pepper Robot Makes Emotional Debut in Japan.

TOKYO — Japanese telecommunications giant Softbank Corp. on Thursday unveiled a new humanoid robot named Pepper, which the company claimed can identify human emotions and respond to them. [Read More...](#)

### Everything you need to know about the future of Newspapers is in these two Charts

We don't like to dwell too much on the decline of print media, because quite frankly it's depressing. But every now and then a statistic or chart comes along that sums up the wrenching transformation that is going on in the newspaper business, and we've had two pop up recently that are worth noting. Both are aimed at the same fundamental issue: namely, the fact that the decline in print-advertising revenue — which has been in free-fall for years now — is not stopping, or even slowing down, any time soon. If anything, it is likely to accelerate. [Read More...](#)

### Roubini: Biggest Challenge Is China's Rise

The rise of China is the biggest geopolitical challenge of our time, renowned economist Nouriel Roubini has warned investors. [Read More...](#)

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