

Signals in the Static: **Harrison Ford** will star in an upcoming movie about **Jackie Robinson**. He will play **Branch Rickey**, the MLB executive who helped break baseball’s color barrier in 1945. **Nicholas Pileggi**, who wrote the 1990 **Martin Scorsese** mob classic *Goodfellas*, will produce a TV version for AMC. Died: **Steuben Glass**, 108; **Jack Goldman**, 90, founder of **Xerox PARC**; groundbreaking abstract painter **Helen Fankenthaler**, 83; Billionaire and bluegrass fan **Warren Hellman**, 77.

Fairfax, Va. schools install indoor surveillance cameras in cafeterias and hallways. **Riverside County, Ca.** will charge prisoners for their food, clothing, and health care. The minimum wage in **San Francisco** rises to \$10.24/hour, \$3 above the Federal minimum wage. It is the first city to break the \$10 barrier. In **Camp Dwyer, Afghanistan**, a detachment of Marines received the [first unmanned aerial system cargo delivery](#) in a combat zone.

Logitech uses [vending machines](#) in their Silicon Valley office to provide employees with a replacement keyboard, mouse, headset, or other piece of tech gear with a simple scan of their ID badge. **Apple** files a patent for [facial recognition](#) for mobile devices. **Wendy’s** is testing [4 prototypes](#) for new restaurants in Pittsburgh, Phoenix, Virginia Beach, and Columbus, Ohio. **Starbucks** plans to open 7 stores that sell beer and wine in the Chicago area by the end of 2012.

Randwiches, a Brooklyn lunch service, has no menu. Instead, they deliver random sandwiches like “five-spice meatballs with lavender béchamel” (\$7, no tips allowed). **UFlavor** is an Indianapolis-based startup where customers can personalize the flavor, name, and label of a soft drink. **Slice** enables customers to view, track and organize their online purchases from different retailers, in one place for free. [Temporary lip tattoos](#) (\$9.99-\$14.99).

As Seen On TV: Animal Planet’s “[American Stuffers](#),” is a new reality show about taxidermists. NBC brings back “[Fear Factor](#),” where contestants dive into a blood aquarium and retrieve cow hearts with their mouths. [Hot Booties](#) microwavable slippers (2/\$14.99).

“Tangerine Tango”: Pantone’s color of 2012—“warm, uplifting, energizing.”



What’s an Imported Beer?

Diageo’s **Red Stripe Beer** (slogan: “taste of Jamaica”) will be made in the U.S. MillerCoors’ **Foster’s** (slogan: “Australian for beer”) is made in Texas. A-B’s **Beck’s** (slogan: “the world’s No. 1 German beer”) will move production for U.S. consumers to St. Louis. **Kirin** is currently made in Los Angeles. **Sam Adams Boston Lager** is brewed in Ohio and Pennsylvania. *Ad Age*.

What’s Rich? When asked how much money per year would be necessary for them to consider themselves “rich,” 53% of Americans said \$150,000/year or less, and 71% said an income of \$300,000 would be enough. *Huffington Post*.



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