Digest #211

Last week, we had our eyes on Inboard ($8M Series A) and PayStand ($6M Series A). Who's next? I don't have any official or unofficial news but I'm keeping my eye on Buoy. They're gaining solving a critical problem and gaining lots of national visibility. Learn more about the inside story behind PayStand's funding. In a detailed Q&A, Alireza Chavosh tells us more about what makes Startup Sandbox unique. And, stay tuned, we hope to share a story about Jane Tech in the next few weeks.

As usual, there's more. Scroll down and start reading!

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Top Stories

In this Q&A, Alireza Chavosh, Director of Startup Sandbox, talks about what makes this incubator unique for Santa Cruz. Read this article.

The floodgates open on national visibility for Buoy, and the word is out there about this startup and their water-saving device. Read this article.

Jeremy Almond, PayStand Founder and CEO, tells the inside story on their Series A funding ($6M) and new AP solution. Read this article.

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**Events**

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- **Tue Nov 28, 3-4pm:** [Food-Origins Tech Talk](http://myemail.constantcontact.com/-211--Startup-Sandbox--Buoy-is-out-there-Pigeons--and-more-tech---.html?soid=1102136716634&aid=KjC5ULBcX3k) at Western Growers Center for Innovation & Technology, Salinas.
- **Thu Nov 30, 8-8:40am:** [CyberSecurity Seminar for Savvy Business Owners](http://myemail.constantcontact.com/-211--Startup-Sandbox--Buoy-is-out-there-Pigeons--and-more-tech---.html?soid=1102136716634&aid=KjC5ULBcX3k) at 1574 F Soquel Dr., Santa Cruz.
- **Fri Dec 1, 5-9pm:** [Cosmic Hosts](http://myemail.constantcontact.com/-211--Startup-Sandbox--Buoy-is-out-there-Pigeons--and-more-tech---.html?soid=1102136716634&aid=KjC5ULBcX3k):
Choose Santa Cruz Popup Market-Holiday Edition at Cosmic.

- Fri Dec 1, 6-9pm: Cruzio Open House Extravaganza at Cruzio.

- Wed Dec 6, 6pm: Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup at Cruzio.

- Sat Dec 9, 10am: Santa Cruz Web Developers Meetup at NextSpace.

- Tue Dec 12, 6pm: Santa Cruz WordPress Meetup at Cruzio.

- Tue Dec 12, 6:30pm: Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup, Seaside.

- Wed Dec 20, 6:30pm: Santa Cruz Bitcoin & Crypto-currency Meetup at NextSpace.

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