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The big news of the week is #FIBER in #SantaCruz. Two voices report on the recent vote by Santa Cruz City Council to move forward on the project.

Read about a 30 year old local company that you've probably never heard of.

Find out who has been seduced by the Siren's Song of Google.

And, RSVP soon for *CODE: Debugging the Gender Gap*, a renowned documentary about the dearth of female and minority software engineers, screening at Cruzio on Thursday, January 14, hosted by Baskin School of Engineering.

All this, and more news that you need to know! Start reading!

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Top Stories:

- Santa Cruz #FIBER #LOVE becomes serious city business as city council votes to [move forward on a partnership with Cruzio](#).
- More on Fiber. Santa Cruz will have the first gigabit fiber-to-the-home network in Silicon Valley. [Fiber! Fiber! Fiber!](#)
- [Siren's Song Seduces Neuner!](#) It's ironic that he will commute over Highway 17, but who can resist Google? At least Neuner can ride the Google bus for some daily peace and quiet. Hey, let's start a rumor that Google is coming to Santa Cruz. (jk!)
- You name it, they've probably worked on it: medical devices, consumer electronics, carbon fiber bicycles, countless wearables, handheld products, and more. [What's the 30 year old local company you've never heard of?](#)



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- The CSUMB College of Business and School of Computing and Design are starting [a new era of collaboration in a gleaming new building](#), allowing students to work side-by-side in multidisciplinary teams.
- On January 14, [CODE: Debugging the Gender Gap screens in Santa Cruz](#), followed by a panel discussion. This documentary exposes the dearth of female and minority software engineers and explores the reasons for this gender gap and digital divide.
- Mountain lions, sea otters, black abalone, and sea stars will benefit from a \$1.76M research grant to develop a revolutionary bioinformatics toolkit to understand [changes in gene expression and how threatened populations respond to changes in their habitats and the climate](#).
- Almost like Santa! *It knows when you are sleeping, it knows when you're awake...* Well, this new [sleep monitoring patent by Fullpower really does know](#).





Events

Note: Dates, times, and locations are all subject to change. Be sure to check the meetup website for your event.

- Wed Dec 16, 5pm: [Santa Cruz Women's Javascript/FrontEnd Development Meetup](#) at Looker.
- Wed Dec 16, 6:30pm: [Santa Cruz Bitcoin & Crypto-currency Meetup](#) at NextSpace.
- Tue Jan 5, 7pm: [Drupal Group monthly meeting](#) at NextSpace.
- Wed Jan 6, 6pm: [Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup](#) at Cruzio.
- Sat Jan 9, 10am: [Santa Cruz Web Developers Meetup](#) at NextSpace.
- Tue Jan 12, 6pm: [Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup](#) at The Press Club, Seaside.
- Thu Jan 14, 6:30-9:30pm: [Screening and discussion of the film CODE: Debugging the Gender Gap](#) at Cruzio.

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