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Here's all the news you need to know. Of course, the top news is Looker's \$48M! And, after a long search process, Baskin School of Engineering at UCSC announced their new dean. We have more post-CES news about local companies ZoZbots, Inboard, and Onewheel. Plus, find out how two locals nonprofits are collaborating to support more diversity in STEM. And, there's more.

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Top Stories:

- [Looker Locks In \\$48M](#) in a Series C funding round led by Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers. Looker has raised a total of \$96 million since its launch in 2013.
- UCSC has [appointed the new dean of the Baskin School of Engineering](#). He will succeed Joe Konopelski, who has served as interim dean since Art Ramirez stepped down in July 2014.
- Meet ZoZbot, [the first consumer, modular robot that enables Robo-Gaming](#). Just launched last month, it was named by Tom's Guide as "Best Robot" at CES, and got plenty of other CES buzz from Mashable, Yahoo, and Gigmag.
- Skate or Die: Are electric skateboards the best rideable? They're safer than



hoverboards, more versatile than bikes, and more portable than almost everything. [What did Fortune Magazine say about Inboard Technology's M1?](#)

- What happens when a product skates too close to patent infringement? [US marshals hauled off a skateboard in a raid at CES.](#) What does this have to do with Santa Cruz?
- [SACNAS + Digital NEST = Stronger STEM Diversity in Santa Cruz County](#), and we continue to be a locus in the national movement to diversify STEM.
- If all goes as planned in the deal between Santa Cruz and Cruzio, [gigabit fiber internet will be available to all homes and businesses in the city by 2018.](#)

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- Wed Jan 20, 5pm: [Santa Cruz Women's Javascript/FrontEnd Development Meetup](#) at Looker.
- Wed Jan 20, 6:30pm: [Santa Cruz Bitcoin & Crypto-currency Meetup](#) at NextSpace.
- Wed Jan 27, 5:30pm: Panel Discussion: [Watershed: Santa Cruz Tech Breaks Out](#) at Plantronics.
- Wed Jan 27, 6pm: [Santa Cruz WordPress Meetup](#) at Cruzio.
- Wed Jan 27, 6:30pm: [Santa Cruz County AgTech Meetup](#) at Digital NEST.
- Thu Jan 28, 6pm: [Startup Grind Monterey Bay Meetup](#) at Scotts Valley Public Library.
- Fri-Sun, Jan 29-31, [Hack UCSC 2016](#) at UC Santa Cruz.
- Fri-Sun, Jan 29-31, [Startup Weekend Monterey Bay](#) at CSUMB.

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