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## Digest #127

Here's the news you need to know this week.

You may recall IDE as the 30 year old company you've never heard of. Well, they're inviting the local tech community to help them celebrate the big milestone. Also celebrating 30 years is UCSC's ACE program. Dovetail Genomics is announcing the opening of their beta program. Learn about UCSC's role as NASA begins formal development of the Wide Field Infrared Survey Telescope (WFIRST).

All this and more. Scroll down and start reading!

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**Dovetail Genomics, an early stage startup, has begun accepting applications to its beta program. This will allow testing methods with a variety of human and environmental samples. Read this story.**

**Dubbed "*the digital artist's secret for creating 3D character animation and illustration*," Poser is developed by Smith Micro's local graphics team. Read this story.**

**What have we gained/lost as a result of the ongoing *gamification of life*? Find out at *PLAY: Games, Life, and Death* on March 1, hosted by UCSC at Kuumbwa. Read this story.**

**Local tech community, you're invited to come celebrate IDE's 30 years of product development on March 9. Read this story.**

**NetLab: From a small room at Cabrillo College, students from 20 different community colleges have been accessing top-notch training and professional certification programs. Read this story.**

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**A team of astronomers, headed by a UCSC professor, is planning projects and strategies to make the best use of the powerful new WFIRST space telescope under development by NASA. Read this story.**

**For 30 years, the ACE Program at UCSC has been helping students succeed in STEM fields. Read this story.**

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# Jobs/Internships

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- Post a job (free)

# Events

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

- Wed Feb 24, 6pm: Santa Cruz WordPress Meetup at Cruzio.
- Wed Feb 24, 6:30pm: Santa Cruz County AgTech Meetup at Digital NEST.
- Mon Feb 29, 6pm: Startup Grind Monterey Bay Meetup at Digital NEST.
- Tue Mar 1, 6pm: Questions that Matter:

**"PLAY: Games, Life, Death"** at Kuumbwa Jazz Center.

- Tue Mar 1, 7pm: **Drupal Group monthly meeting** at NextSpace.
- Wed Mar 2, 6pm: **Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup** at Cruzio.
- Thu Mar 3, 6pm: **Intro Session for Startup Challenge Monterey Bay** at Cruzio.
- Tue Mar 8, 6pm: **Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup** at The Press Club, Seaside.
- Tue Mar 8, 6pm: **Intro Session for Startup Challenge Monterey Bay** at Salinas SBDC.
- Sat Mar 12, 10am: **Santa Cruz Web Developers Meetup** at NextSpace.
- Sat Mar 12, 7am - Sun Mar 13, 5pm: **Apps for Ag, Agricultural Hackathon** at Cabrillo College.

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