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Digest #150

Greetings from Woods Hole, MA! Although I've been on my annual summer vacation -- can you tell? -- I've continued to publish articles on [Santa Cruz Tech Beat's website](#). For those of you who wait for this digest to find out what's new, here's a collection of news from the last two weeks.

Coincidentally, Beth Shapiro, a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at UC Santa Cruz, gave the Friday Night Lecture at the Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) in Woods Hole on [How to Clone a Mammoth: The Science of De-extinction](#). You may recall that [Beth published a book](#) under the same title last year.

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- Tue Aug 16, 6pm: [Design Santa Cruz Meetup](#) at NextSpace.
- Wed Aug 17, 5pm: [Santa Cruz Women's Javascript/FrontEnd Development Meetup](#) at Looker.
- Wed Aug 17, 6:30pm: [Santa Cruz Bitcoin & Crypto-currency Meetup](#) at NextSpace.
- Wed Aug 24, 6pm, [Santa Cruz WordPress Meetup](#) at Cruzio.



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- Tue Sep 6, 7pm: [Drupal Group monthly meeting](#) at NextSpace.
- Wed Sep 7, 6pm: [Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup](#) at Cruzio.
- Sat Sep 10, 10am: [Santa Cruz Web Developers Meetup](#) at NextSpace.
- Tue Sep 13, 6pm: [Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup](#) at Perfectly Pressed Juice Bar n Cafe, 1123 Fremont Blvd, Seaside.
- Thu Sep 15, 4:30-7:30pm: [Think Local First Indie Biz Expo](#) at Cocoanut Grove.



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