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It's unfortunate when a well-funded startup with strong credentials and seemingly *all the right stuff* closes its doors. Unfortunately, Pearl Automation, the apple-connected Scotts Valley-based company that came out of stealth one year ago with \$50M of funding is shutting down.

Google-affiliated Alphabet Inc. is testing delivery drones in Fort Ord.

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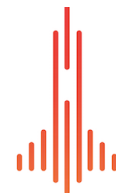
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One year after coming out of stealth with
\$50M in funding, Pearl Automation calls it
quits. [Read this article.](#)

We're still waiting for the details but we do
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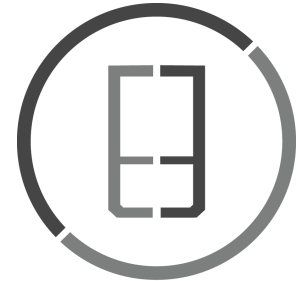
Looker appoints Ryan Gurney as Chief Security Officer to lead the advancement of the company's security initiative. [Read this article.](#)

Dr. Sue Carter, director of the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIED) has been invested as the Narinder Kapany Professor in Entrepreneurship. [Read this article.](#)

Nina Simon has written a series of heartfelt blog posts about the process of opening Abbott Square. Her insight and wisdom could be helpful to any nonprofit or startup leader. [Read this article.](#)

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- Wed Jun 28, 8:30am-11:30am: [Broadband Means Business on the Central Coast](#) at Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa, Monterey.
- Wed Jun 28-Thu Jun 29: [Forbes AgTech Summit](#), Salinas.
- Wed Jun 28, 5pm: [Meet and Greet an Amazon Engineer](#), 110 Cooper St, suite 400, Santa Cruz.
- Wed Jun 28, 6pm: [Santa Cruz WordPress Meetup](#) at Cruzio.
- Fri Jun 30, 1-4pm: [Free Coworking at the Library](#) at Santa Cruz Public Library Main Branch - Upstairs Meeting Room.
- Sat Jul 8, 10am: [Santa Cruz Web Developers Meetup](#) at NextSpace.
- Wed Jul 12, 5:30pm: [Deriving Insights from the Data Lake with Amazon Web](#)



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[Services and Looker](#) at Cruzio.

- Thu Jul 13, 12noon-1pm: [Lunch and Learn: GIT Tricks Show and Tell](#) at NextSpace.

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