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## Digest #230

In any ecosystem, a part of it may lay dormant or die, and then -- sometimes unexpectedly, to the delight of those who've been involved -- come back to life. When I selected "near-death" and "reemergence" for this week's subject line, I was thinking of one particular article in this week's digest. It turns out, it applies to two.

Are you looking for learning and networking opportunities? Early May is packed with special events, including these:

- May 2: The Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup
- May 3: MBEP's Regional Economic Summit
- May 4: 82% Micro Business Summit.
- May 5: Santa Cruz Mini Maker Faire

Get the details in our Events section below, and you can always find all [upcoming events](#) on our website.

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Paystand's CEO and cofounder, Jeremy Almond, is the keynote speaker at the 3rd annual Micro Business Summit on May 4. [Read this article.](#)



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## Events

Note: Dates, times, and locations are all subject to change. Be sure to check the event website, just in case!

- Tue Apr 17, 6pm: [Santa Cruz WordPress Meetup](#) at Cruzio.
- Wed Apr 18, 6-8pm: [UCSC Business Design Showcase](#), 3175 Bowers Avenue, Santa Clara.
- Wed Apr 18, 6:30pm: [Santa Cruz Bitcoin & Crypto-currency Meetup](#) at NextSpace.
- Wed April 25, 11am-1pm: [National DNA Day](#) at Baskin Engineering Courtyard, UCSC.
- Wed Apr 25, 5:30-8pm: [Santa Cruz AgTech Meetup](#) at 345 Harvest Drive, Watsonville.
- Tue May 1, 7-9pm: [Santa Cruz Drupal User's Group](#) at NextSpace.
- Wed May 2, 6pm: [Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup](#) at Cocoanut Grove.
- Thu May 3, 9:30am-1pm: [MBEP's 4th Annual Regional Economic Summit](#) at Mello Center in Watsonville.



- Thu May 3, 11am-2pm: [Downtown Electric Vehicle and Ebike Test Drive Event](#) at Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium Parking Lot.
- Thu May 3, 6pm: [From Farms to Incubators: Telling the Stories of Women in AgTech](#) at 153 Main St., Salinas.
- Fri May 4, 8am-4pm: [82% Micro Business Summit](#) at Cabrillo College.
- Sat May 5, 10am-5pm: [Santa Cruz Mini Maker Faire](#) at Cabrillo College.

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