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Based on the variety of articles I'm sharing today, last week was a news-rich week. Among other things, I learned that Eventbrite's CEO has an early connection to Santa Cruz. The source article is behind the NY Times paywall so if you're not a subscriber, I hope you still have some freebees left.

Find out more about Bud Colligan, learn about the *Passive Cleaner Boat Bot*, and kudos to Digital NEST for gaining some national attention. As usual, there's more, so scroll down and starting reading.

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Top Stories

"Maybe it was growing up in Santa Cruz or maybe I was just born with it, but human energy, I just feel it so much," says Julia Hartz, Eventbrite CEO. (There's an Ugly Mug connection, too). [Read this article.](#)

When Bud Colligan was in college he founded *Vital Vittles* which grew into one of the largest student-owned businesses in the country. It was a sign of things to come. [Read this article.](#)

Let's keep microplastics out of our oceans. *Passive Cleaner Boat Bot* is an autonomous boat and net system that would drift along coastlines and collect garbage . [Read this article.](#)

Digital NEST has the rare opportunity to be featured on a vast, national platform and help shift the narrative around the potential of youths in farming communities like Watsonville and Salinas. [Read this article.](#)

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"Let's help ensure that this tech community we've created here in Santa Cruz is one that welcomes women." NextSpace presents a Women in Tech panel on March 5. [Read this article.](#)

Designing for emotional humans can be a daunting task. Designers often approach this by simplifying the problem and finding ways to group users together into easily identifiable traits. If only it were that easy. [Read this article.](#)

Western Digital, UCSC Genomics Institute, and Baskin Engineering have entered into a joint R&D agreement to accelerate genomics sequencing workflows. [Read this article.](#)

A major data release includes detailed maps of thousands of nearby galaxies. It's a huge *stellar library*. [Read this article.](#)

A novel ruthenium-based catalyst developed at UCSC has shown markedly better performance than commercial platinum catalysts in alkaline water electrolysis for hydrogen production. [Read this article.](#)



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- Tue Feb 12, 6pm: [Inaugural Monterey Bay DART Meetup co-hosted with Startup Monterey Bay](#) at UCMBEST, 3180 Imjin Rd, Marina.
- Tue Feb 12, 6pm: [Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup](#), UCMBEST, 3180 Imjin Rd, Marina.
- Tue Feb 12, 6pm: [Monterey Bay Information Technologists Meetup](#), Pacific Grove.
- Tue Feb 19, 4-6pm: [Colligan Presidential Chair In Pediatric Genomics Reception and Investiture Ceremony](#), at UCSC University Center, Bhojwani Dining Room.
- Tue Feb 19, 6pm: [Santa Cruz WordPress Meetup](#) at Cruzio.



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- Wed Feb 20, 6:30: [Santa Cruz Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency Meetup](#) at NextSpace.

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