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There's a lot of excitement on the forensics front this week, as UC Santa Cruz researchers continue to crack cold cases using DNA from hair samples.

Also this week: After last week's big news, Joby Aviation will soon break ground in Marina, and PayStand has signed a deal to be the first to bring end-to-end digital payment platform to Japan.

As usual, there's lots more. Scroll down and see what else is up.

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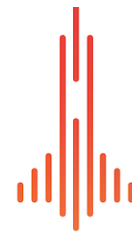
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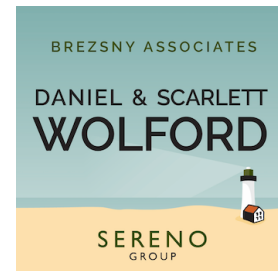
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- Wed Feb 5, 6-8:30pm: [Santa Cruz Works New Tech: Design Thinking](#) with keynote speakers Dave Evans and Dean Hovey, Kuumbwa Jazz Center, Santa Cruz.
- Fri Feb 7, 8:30am-1pm: [Cabrillo Career Education and Industry Partners Forum](#), Monschke Hall, Twin Lakes Church, Aptos.
- Tue Feb 11, 6-8pm: [DeepRacer Autonomouse Race Day](#) at Wrigley Building Workshop Space, 2801 Mission St., Santa Cruz.
- Tue Feb 11, 6pm: [Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup](#), 656 Broadway, Seaside.
- Thu Feb 13, 6-8pm: [freeCodeCamp Santa Cruz](#)



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