

Like 0 Share

Share:

Tweet

**SANTA CRUZ TECH BEAT**

The go-to source for Monterey Bay tech

Digest #316

I ran into Chris Bley last week on the day his company, Rope Partner, an international leader in wind turbine blade repair and maintenance, was acquired. The scoop is below. (Just as a reminder, another one of Bley's companies, [InspecTools](#), was [acquired](#) just 15 months ago.)

Lou Pambianco, Startup Sandbox CEO, has started producing a series of video interviews with some of the key people behind the nascent companies in the bioscience incubator. This week, we share two such video interviews. You already know that UCSC's Genomics Institute and Baskin School of Engineering have put Santa Cruz on the map as a world-class hub for genomics/biosciences. Startup Sandbox provides bioscience entrepreneurs with an off-campus incubator space to launch their companies and productize their research.

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

Sara Isenberg

Founder, Publisher, Editor-in-Chief
Santa Cruz Tech Beat
<http://santacruztechbeat.com>

PS- If you want to stay on top of the news without waiting each week for this digest, follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) .



CONNECT with tech professionals,
GROW your business, FIND the perfect job!

Top Stories

Rope Partners, leader in wind turbine blade repair, maintenance, and performance-enhancing services, has been acquired. [Read this article](#) .

Saudi Arabia's Abdul Latif Jameel bets on flying taxis. Joby Aviation's latest round of funding brings total investments to \$720M. [Read this](#)

Our Partners



[article](#) .

MicroSolutions, GenEqual, Greenery Solutions, MyAirPal, and Drank strut their stuff at CSUMB's recent Startup Weekend hosted by iiED .

[Read this article](#) .

Watch: Mary Noe, founder/CEO of Switchback Systems, an early stage startup working on DNA data storage, and a venture-back member of Startup Sandbox. [Read this article](#) .

Unnatural Products, a drug discovery startup pairing AI with chemistry to create treatments for drug targets that aren't amenable to current therapeutic strategies, received \$6M in funding . [Read this article](#) .

SellHound has been selected as just one of eight companies representing the SF Bay Area to pitch at South by Southwest (SXSW) in March 2020. [Read this story](#) .

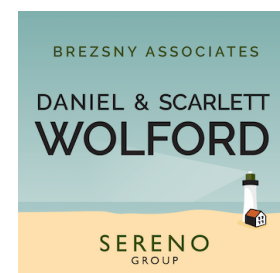
Social media platforms are changing



SANTA CRUZ
WORKS



CLOUD
BRIGADE



how they regulate political and issue ads. Cosmic shares "the new rules for paid ads on social media -- and how they impact nonprofits." [Read this article](#) .



Getting people on board with data has a lot to do with two terms that were thrust into the limelight last year: 'data culture' and 'data literacy.' [Read this article](#) .



Jenny Reardon, a leading voice in the field of genomics, has been named a fellow of The Hastings Center, an organization that brings together scholars from across the disciplines to address ethical questions in medicine, science, and technology. [Read this article](#) .



Jobs/Internships

- [View all job openings](#).
- [Post your job](#). Our jobs page is the most popular page in our website!



Events

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

- 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, 6-8pm: [Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup](#), 656 Broadway, Seaside.
- Thu Feb 13, 6-8pm: [freeCodeCamp Santa Cruz Study Group](#) at Idea Fab Labs.
- Wed Feb 19, 6-8:30pm: [Santa Cruz Works New Tech: Green Tech Rising](#) at The MAH.



Paystand



- Wed Feb 19, 7pm: [Leonardo Art & Science Evening Rendezvous \(LASER\) Talks](#), at Rio Theater.
- Wed Feb 19, 6:30pm: [Santa Cruz Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency Meetup](#) at NextSpace.

**View more events on
[our EVENTS page](#) .**

Santa Cruz Tech Beat is the heartbeat of TECH in the Monterey Bay. News, Events, Jobs, Resources, Thought Leadership, and more!

Visit our [website](#) , follow on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) .



**Connect
with us**

- Visit our [website](#).
- Subscribe to our [weekly news digest](#) (free).
- Read the [news](#) online.

- Check [upcoming events](#). Submit an event.
- View [job openings](#). Post a job.
- View the [Business Catalog](#). List your business.
- Find local tech [meetups and resources](#).
- Become a [Partner](#).
- Follow on [Facebook](#).
- Follow on [Twitter](#).
- Read [what folks are saying](#) about us.

Confirm that you like this.

Click the "Like" button.