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Earlier this month we published [an article](#) that Uber was in talks to sell their air taxi business to Joby Aviation. Well, the \$75M deal came through. Details below.

We have several articles this week about cutting-edge research at UCSC. I continue to be impressed with how much our local scientists and researchers are contributing to the understanding of Covid-19.

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Robotics expert Leila Takayama seeks to improve human-robot interactions to better understand the dynamics on both sides of the relationship. [Read the article.](#)

UCSC scientists discuss how the mRNA vaccine works. "If there's a silver lining to this pandemic, it's that we've had a reason to test out new technologies..." [Read the article.](#)

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