



Digest #367

We have lots of news this week.

The big Joby-related headlines of the week include: *LinkedIn, Zynga founders file for new \$850M SPAC amid reported merger talks with Joby Aviation, Hippo and Joby Aviation SPAC Merger: RTP Stock Pops as Deal Talk Advances for the Flying Taxi Startup.* We have other Joby news, as well. (Due to timing, we've combined three Joby articles into one.)

It has been a year since Looker was formally acquired by Google. What collaborations are in the works? Looker's Head of Product Marketing, Pedro Arellano, shares what's coming up.

Genentech Foundation has granted \$875K to support programs at UCSC that provide academic support for underrepresented students in STEM fields.

"After Shock" special episode: Watch Rodrigo Nieto, Futurist at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey in conversation with Futurist Ian Khan.

We also have news from GetVirtual, HeavyConnect, Unnatural Products, Monarch Media, and Cosmic.

By the way, Chris Miller of Cloud Brigade has a request: *"Cloud Brigade is seeking local companies who can benefit from the addition of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to their workflows in order to improve business outcomes. As a leader in emerging technology, we conduct research and development into potential use cases for AI and look for places to apply this capability."* Learn more [here](#).

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Top Stories

JOBY, JOBY JOBY: LinkedIn, Zynga founders file for new \$850M SPAC amid reported merger talks with Joby Aviation, Hippo (plus two other Joby articles). [Read all THREE Joby articles.](#)

Joby Aviation announces that it has begun generating revenue as part of achieving another major milestone in the Agility Prime program. [Read the article.](#)

Looker's Head of Product Marketing discusses the progress Google and Looker have made since joining forces, including details on what's expected this year. [Read the article.](#)

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Genentech Foundation grants support STEM diversity academic support and mentoring programs at UCSC. [Read the article.](#)

Unnatural Products is working to abolish the term “undruggable” by combining machine learning and parallel chemistry techniques. [Read the article.](#)

HeavyConnect facilitates food grower QA+QC programs to help ensure that food production and storage is high quality and safe. [Read the article.](#)

A recent UCSC graduate shares how being part of GetVirtual has transformed her professional life. [Read the article.](#)

Watch: Technology futurist Ian Khan speaks with Rodrigo Nieto (NPS professor, Monterey) also a co-contributor to the recent book “After Shock.” [Watch the video.](#)

Cosmic: A nonprofit engagement pyramid empowers your social impact organization to grow relationships and support. [Read the article.](#)



Monarch Media: Here are four "do's and don'ts" for successful eLearning projects. [Read the article.](#)

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