We have the news you need to know!

Cabrillo College has been awarded a $350K grant -- renewable for a total of $700K -- to build a Makerspace community to prepare students with STEAM skills to succeed in the innovation economy. (STEAM = Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math). Cruzio is gearing up to begin construction on their ambitious gigabit fiber project, starting with a public launch event tomorrow. We have two articles about Santa Cruz Fiber, including the lineup of leaders who'll be speaking at the launch party. With an AgTech revolution in our own backyard, one of two articles about AgTech in Salinas reports that despite the success of the third Forbes AgTech Summit, "the city's goal of transforming itself from agriculture behemoth (a $9 billion industry anchored by lettuce) into an agtech mecca has its critics."

As usual, we have more. Scroll down and start reading.

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Top Stories

Cabrillo has received a grant to build a makerspace community, provide internships, prepare students in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math (STEAM) to succeed in the innovation economy. [Read this article.](#)

UCSC Genomics Institute's Treehouse Childhood Cancer Initiative and St. Baldrick's Foundation are making a tumor database available to all researchers in pediatric cancer to battle against childhood cancer. [Read this article.](#)

X2Engine releases new version of X2CRM, expands product line support and developer support services, and expands Santa Cruz office. [Read this article.](#)

Community invited to attend Santa Cruz Fiber launch event on August 16 at Cruzio. Congressman Jimmy Panetta and a variety of city leaders will speak. [Read this article.](#)
And there's more: "The geography is difficult for infrastructure," say Cruzio CEO, Peggy Dolgenos. Cruzio hopes the first run of this ambitious project will go online in 2018. Read this article.

There's an AgTech revolution in our own backyard. The City of Salinas is using its biggest asset to drive new opportunities for its residents, and startups around the world. Read this article.

And there's more: Hello Salinas! AgTech succeeds as a summit, but can it transform Salinas? The city's goal of transforming itself from agriculture behemoth into an agtech mecca has its critics. Read this article.

Jobs/Internships

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Events

Note: Dates, times, and locations are all subject to change. Be sure to check the event website, just in case!
• Wed Aug 16, 5:30-7:30: **Santa Cruz Fiber launch event** at Cruzio.

• Wed Aug 16, 6:30pm: **Santa Cruz Bitcoin & Crypto-currency Meetup** at NextSpace.

• Thu Aug 17, 11am: **Coworking at the Library** at Live Oak Library, Santa Cruz.

• Wed Aug 23, 6pm: **Santa Cruz WordPress Meetup** at Cruzio.

• Thu Aug 24, 11am: **Coworking at the Library** at Live Oak Library, Santa Cruz.

• Thu Aug 31, 11am: **Coworking at the Library** at Live Oak Library, Santa Cruz.

• Tue Sep 5, 7pm: **Drupal Group monthly meeting** at NextSpace.

• Wed Sep 6, 6pm: **Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup** at Hotel Paradox, Santa Cruz.

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