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News:

- **Point-of-sale software maker** MerchantOS, co-founded by NextSpace Santa Cruz members Ivan Stanojvic & Justin Laing, acquired by Lightspeed (related: LightSpeed announcement and TechCrunch article)

- **Graeme Devine, local game developer icon of Santa Cruz based GRL Games launches Full Deck Solitaire on Android**

- **$800K Purse for Samsung Android Hackathon Aug 17-18 (and this event is FREE for Santa Cruz New Tech members)**

- **Cary Bran and Tanguy Leborgne of Plantronics Deliver Keynote at the Wearable Tech Expo**
• Former Borland campus sold for $12M

• **UC Santa Cruz offers masters degree in Video Gaming in UCSC Silicon Valley extension location**

### Noteworthy, but not brand new:

- **Have you heard of the startup ranch of Santa Cruz? Sproutwerx is the brainchild of entrepreneur JoeBen Bevirt** (related: [Sproutwerx website](#))

- **CloudForestCooks app is coming!**

- **Major grant funds UCSC researchers using big data to predict cancer outcomes**

- **Santa Cruz bike companies on cutting edge of innovation**

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