Digest #237

We have the news you need to know.

This week, Mark Haynes, a local attorney whose law firm focuses on the procurement, management, and strategic development of patents, asks (and answers) if it make sense to invest time and money to seek patent protection when you're focused on making the startup take off. We get to hear more from Steve Blum on net neutrality. Scotts Valley's dfusion has received $1.3M to develop a new health app. Santa Cruz Works has named a new interim Executive Director. Western Growers Center for Innovation and Technology (WGCIT) has a new radio show called "Voices of the Valleys."

As usual, there's more, so scroll down and starting reading.

Sara Isenberg
Founder, Publisher, Editor-in-Chief
Santa Cruz Tech Beat
http://santacruztechbeat.com
Top Stories

Does it make sense to invest time and money to seek patent protection when you're focused on making your startup take off? Read this article.

As a modern, bank-independent, digital B2B payment processor, PayStand is part of a wave of democratizing financial technologies with the potential to lift all businesses - and not just the biggest. Read this article.

Santa Cruz Works has named a new interim Executive Director to help grow Santa Cruz's entrepreneurial ecosystem to a new level, including tech and creative arts. Read this article.

The future of network neutrality is now in the hands of the CA assembly after the CA senate approved senate bill 822. Read this article.
Scotts Valley's dfusion has been awarded $1.3M by NIH to build an app to help young Black men who have sex with men prevent acquiring HIV. Why? Because.... Read this article.

Welcome to Voices of the Valleys, a new radio show that will be interviewing growers, entrepreneurs, educators, and technologists who are inventing new solutions for challenges on the farm. Read this article.

Look at eight successful give-back models for social enterprises and see how different companies use the power of profit + purpose to make the world a better place. Read this article.

After the better part of two years of preparation, debate and conjecture across the technology industry, general data protection regulation (GDPR) is finally upon us. Read this article.

A new model explains what we see when a massive black hole devours a star. The breakthrough study provides a new theoretical perspective for a fast-growing research field. Read this article.
Jobs/Internships

- View all job openings
- Post a job (free)

Events

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

- Tue Jun 5, 7-9pm: Santa Cruz Drupal User's Group at NextSpace.
- Wed Jun 6, 6pm: Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup at Cocoanunt Grove.
- Sat Jun 9, 10am: Santa Cruz Web Developers Meetup at NextSpace.
- Wed Jun 13, 12noon-1pm: How to Sell on eBay for Beginners at Santa Cruz Library Downtown Branch - upstairs.
- Wed Jun 13, 6pm: Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup, Pacific Grove.
- Tue Jun 19, 6pm: Santa Cruz WordPress Meetup at Cruzio.
- Tue Jun 19, 6pm: Kraw Lecture Series: Data Security, Data Privacy, and You at UC Santa Cruz Silicon Valley Campus, Santa Clara.
• Wed Jun 20, 6:30pm: **Santa Cruz Bitcoin & Cryptocurrency Meetup** at NextSpace.

• Sat Jun 23, 1-6pm: **Hackergarten #6: Create your own Ethereum Token** at NextSpace.

View more events on our **EVENTS page**.

---

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

Visit our [website](http://www.santacruztchbeat.com), follow on [Facebook](http://facebook.com), [Twitter](http://twitter.com), and [Google+](http://google.com).

---

**Your banner in this digest? Become a partner!**

---

**Connect with us**

• Visit our [website](http://www.santacruztchbeat.com).
• Subscribe to our [weekly news digest](http://www.santacruztchbeat.com) (free).
• Read the [news](http://www.santacruztchbeat.com) online.
• Check [upcoming events](http://www.santacruztchbeat.com). Submit an event.
• View [job openings](http://www.santacruztchbeat.com). Post a job.
• View the [Business Catalog](http://www.santacruztchbeat.com). List your business.
• Find local tech [meetups and resources](http://www.santacruztchbeat.com).
• Become a [Partner](http://www.santacruztchbeat.com).
Follow on Facebook.
Follow on Twitter.
Follow on Google+.
Read what folks are saying about us.

Confirm that you like this.

Click the "Like" button.