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This week we're sharing several articles that deserve special attention.

I learned recently that Ontera (previous Two Pore Guys) has a focus on agtech in addition to life sciences and human diagnostics. Ontera and BASF will collaborate on detecting diseases and resistances in plants leveraging Ontera's molecular diagnostic platform. Precision diagnostics will help farmers with in-field disease monitoring.

Check out the guest feature article by Aqaix CEO Michael Gardner. Aqaix offers an online marketplace connecting investment opportunities with investors. Opportunity Zone funding is now available for local startups seeking seed and series A funding.

Kennedy Cartwright has written a cool article about some of the other interns at Looker this summer. Such articles aren't just an opportunity for you to find out what it's like on the inside, all intern articles live on as a resource because they show up in searches. Indeed, one of the ways Kennedy knew she wanted to work at Looker was by finding an article by last summer's intern.

(As always, if you want to stay on top of the news without waiting each week for this digest, follow us on **Facebook** and **Twitter**.)

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Top Stories

Ontera and BASF collaborate on precision diagnostics to support farmers with in-field disease monitoring. Read this article.

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Local startups looking for seed and series A funding could qualify for Opportunity Zone funding. Read this article.

A Collective Impact: Interns of Looker **introduces some of this summer's unique interns -- from an inside perspective. Read this article**.

Big data for conservation: Conservation biologists find new applications for AI tools. Read this article.
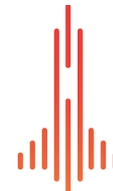
Poly Studio is now certified on Zoom in a *best of both worlds* **solution for people using Poly hardware with Zoom cloud-based video conferencing. Read this article**.

Joe Burton, president/CEO of Poly, Cynthia Larive, new chancellor of UCSC, and Michael McHatten, City Manager, City of Soledad, join MBEP's Board of Directors. Read this article.

Heard of the *three-body problem*? **Falling cats and orbiting planets have led to fruitful lines of research for this**

UCSC mathematics professor. **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's website, just in case!

- Tue Aug 13, 12noon-1pm: **NextTalk Series: The Lean Planning Canvas** at NextSpace.

- Tue Aug 13, 6pm: **Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup**, 656 Broadway, Seaside.

- Tue Aug 20, 5:55pm: **Santa Cruz WordPress Meetup** at Cruzio.

- Wed Aug 21, 6:30pm: **Santa Cruz Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency Meetup** at NextSpace.

- Wed Aug 21, 6:30pm: **CruzVR Meetup -**

Using VR in Sea Level Rise Planning and Community Engagement at 312 Lincoln Street, Santa Cruz.

- Wed Aug 28, 5:30-7:30pm: **Santa Cruz County Agtech Meetup** at Driscoll's, 300 Westridge Drive, Watsonville.

- Wed Aug 28, 6:30pm: **SC Python Meetup: Build Alexa skills with Python** at NextSpace.

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