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We have plenty of news you need to know this week.

Plantronics has landed a prestigious design award. The 3rd annual Salinas Valley AgTech Summit is coming up. Imprivata's CEO talks about medical information security. Digital NEST gets needed funding to open a new space in Salinas. And, Apps for Ag was held at Cabrillo over the weekend.

Coincidentally, we have FOUR Q&A interview this week. Catch up up directly with the leaders of Slick, Metareal, MBEP, and the Mini-Maker Faire.

Remember SCO? Many of us do. Well, they're undeniably and reliably dead. Again.

Job hunting? We've posted many new jobs on our [Jobs Page](#). Hiring? It's our most popular page.

All this, and more. Scroll down and start reading.

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Top Stories

Q&A: Thomas Agaraté talks about the SLICK Go-Pro Stabilizer, a successful Indiegogo campaign, and why he moved from France to Silicon Valley to Santa Cruz. [Read this story.](#)

Students and ag reps applied technology to agricultural issues during Apps for Ag, a hackathon at Cabrillo this past weekend. Who won the \$9K in prize money? [Read this story.](#)

Q&A: Kate Roberts talks about what's new at MBEP, and invites you to MBEP's Regional Economic Summit in April. [Read this story.](#)

Q&A: David Van Brink talks about Metareal's preview at the Game Developers Conference (GDC) this week. [Read this story.](#)

Q&A: Zaq Roberts talks about *Invention*

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Literacy and announces the first round of exhibitors for the upcoming Santa Cruz MINI Maker Faire. [Read this story.](#)

Digital NEST moves closer to opening a space in Salinas. The city has budgeted \$50K to help, and two anonymous donors have each pledged \$100K. [Read this story.](#)

More than 100,000 people living in and around the Salinas Valley are on track for a digital upgrade from Charter Communications within the next three years. [Read this story.](#)

Plantronics has landed a prestigious iF Design Award for BackBeat SENSE. [Read this story.](#)

The 3rd Annual Salinas Valley AgTech Summit is set for March 30 at Hartnell College. It's free. [Read this story.](#)

How safe is your medical information? Here's a video of Imprivata's CEO discussing cybersecurity in healthcare on *Mornings with Maria*. [Watch the video.](#)

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Events

Note: Dates, times, and locations are all subject to change. Be sure to check the event website for your event.

- Tue Mar 15, 6-8pm: [Creating A Winning Pitch \(Startup Challenge\)](#) at CSUMB (BIT Building).
- Tue Mar 15, 6-8pm: [The Future of Farm to Fork - Using AgTech to keep Track](#) at CSUMB/Salinas.
- Wed Mar 16: 1-6pm: [14th Annual Ethics and Responsible Business Forum & Cool Tech Expo](#) at CSUMB. (Forum: 3-5pm, Tech Expo: 1-3pm / 5-6pm)
- Wed Mar 16, 5pm: [Santa Cruz Women's Javascript/FrontEnd Development Meetup](#) at Looker.
- Wed Mar 16, 6:30pm: [Santa Cruz Bitcoin & Crypto-currency Meetup](#) at NextSpace.
- Tue Mar 22, 6-8pm: [Creating A Winning Pitch \(Startup Challenge\)](#) at Cruzio.



- Tue Mar 22, 7pm: [Santa Cruz Unity User Group Meetup](#) at NextSpace.
- Wed Mar 23, 3:30-6pm: [2016 Tech Day](#) at Digital NEST.
- Wed Mar 23, 6-8pm: [Creating A Winning Pitch \(Startup Challenge\)](#) at Monterey.
- Wed Mar 23, 6:30pm: [Santa Cruz County AgTech Meetup](#) at Digital NEST.
- Thu Mar 24, 6pm: [Startup Grind Monterey Bay Hosts Derek Anderson](#) at Digital NEST.

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