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Here's the news you need to know.

Modern Tribe (née Shane and Peter) just acquired GigPress. Looker and IBM have formed an alliance to develop an ecosystem of Looker Blocks for apps built on IBM Cloud Data Services. Find out which locals have been named key influencers in the high-growth coworking industry. Learn about the day-long Salinas Valley Ag Tech Summit held at Hartnell College last Wednesday. According to one speaker there, every farmer is an accountant, HR expert, hydrologist, mechanic, horticulturist, hedge fund manager. And, the finalists were announced for Startup Challenge Monterey Bay.

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

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Modern Tribe, a top digital agency with a collection of popular plugins on WordPress.org, announced that it has acquired GigPress. [Read this story.](#)

Now that the contracts are signed and the ink has dried, what does Modern Tribe + GigPress mean? [Read this story.](#)

Did you know Santa Cruzans influence the national coworking industry? Find out who's in "30 Most Influential People in Coworking 2016." [Read this story.](#)

Looker has formed an alliance with IBM Cloud Data Services to deliver new developer tools to simplify and customize data analysis for businesses utilizing IBM's Cloud Data Services. [Read this story.](#)

Find out how Looker, *"by leaving data where it lives in IBM's suite of cloud data services, directly leverages the power of IBM's compute infrastructure and provides managed data access across an*



organization." [Read this story.](#)

Who made the list? Startup Challenge Monterey Bay announces the finalists for their 7th annual competition. Community members are invited to the final round.

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A cancer diagnosis used to be a death sentence for children. Now UC Santa Cruz researchers are opening a new front in the battle against the disease. [Read this story.](#)

Community members are invited to see the results of the UCSC DANM MFA program in an exhibition, symposium, and performance. [Read this story.](#)

Jobs/Internships

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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 Apr 5, 7pm: [Drupal Group monthly](#)



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[meeting](#) at NextSpace.

- Wed Apr 6, 4:10-5:20pm: [herScript\(globalMeeting\);](#) at CSUMB BIT Building.
- Wed Apr 6, 6pm: [Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup including 2nd Annual Cruz Cares Pitch Contest for Social Ventures](#) at Del Mar Theater.
- Sat Apr 9, 10am: [Santa Cruz Web Developers Meetup](#) at NextSpace.
- Tue Apr 12, 6pm: [Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup](#) at The Press Club, Seaside.
- Sat Apr 16, 10am-6pm: [Santa Cruz Mini Maker Faire](#) at Gateway School.
- Tue Apr 19, 6pm: [Design Santa Cruz Meetup](#) at NextSpace.
- Wed Apr 20, 5pm: [Santa Cruz Women's Javascript/FrontEnd Development Meetup](#) at Looker.
- Wed Apr 20, 6:30pm: [Santa Cruz Bitcoin & Crypto-currency Meetup](#) at NextSpace.
- Fri Apr 22, 8am-6:30pm: [82% Micro Business Summit](#) at Cabrillo College VAPA Complex.
- Sat Apr 23, 10am-8pm: [HerScript\(Hackathon\);](#) at Digital NEST.



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