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!!Con ("Bang Bang Con") West is coming to Santa Cruz in February. Previous !!Con event talks have featured everything from "glowing mushrooms to game theory, machine knitting to geolocation, live coding on an Apple II to queer feminist cyberpunk manifestos." Speakers have included programmers, poets, scientists, students, and more. Interested? Organizers of the upcoming local event are currently looking for proposals for ten-minute talks. Submit your talk proposal by November 30. Get on it!! (Learn more below.)

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- Tue Nov 20, 6pm: [Santa Cruz WordPress Meetup](#) at Cruzio.
- Wed Nov 21, 6:30pm: [Santa Cruz Bitcoin & Cryptocurrency Meetup](#) at NextSpace.
- Fri Nov 30, 8:30am-5pm: [MBEP 4th Annual State of the Region](#) at Embassy Suites, Seaside.
- Tue Dec 4, 7-9pm: [Santa Cruz Drupal Userâ€™s Group](#) at NextSpace.
- Wed Dec 5, 6pm: [Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup](#) at TBD.
- Sat Dec 8, 10am: [Santa Cruz Web Developers Meetup](#) at NextSpace.

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