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Did you know Logitech was in negotiations to buy Plantronics? Well... not any longer. We have two special reports from Monterey Bay Economic Partnership's 4th Annual State of the Region: one about drone development and production in our region -- *Drone Hub*? -- and the other about key findings from a regional broadband speed study. Two Pore Guys received a $2.8M grant from the Gates Foundation to develop a low cost molecular diagnostic test for tuberculosis.

As usual, there's more! Scroll down and starting reading.

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Baskin Engineering welcomes 6 new faculty members

Top Stories

Is the Monterey Bay region uniquely resourced and advantageously located to become a hub for drone development and production? **Read this article**.

Here's the unexpected finding of a year-long broadband speed study by the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership (MBEP) and the Central Coast Broadband Consortium. **Read this article**.

Two Pore Guys receives a $2.8 million grant from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to develop a low-cost molecular diagnostic tests for tuberculosis (TB). **Read this article**.

Plantronics is no longer engaged in discussions with Logitech regarding a potential combination. **Read this article**.

Tech dividend: Chris Benner shares his idea on how California would benefit from a

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program modeled after Alaska's oil-industry annual permanent fund payments. Read this article.

Adam Savage, unabashed fan of the Onewheel electric skateboard and self-proclaimed obsessive maker of things, visits the factory and assembles his own XR board. Watch the video.

Case Study: In partnership with California Community Colleges, productOps builds the NOVA software platform, a statewide system that allows easy approval/certification and expenditure reporting. Read this article.

TechCrunch spreads the word about Inboard selling its first premium electric scooter -- just in time for the holiday season. Read this article.

Code Naturally partners up with schools from the Santa Cruz County School District to make *Hour of Code* a productive event for students/teachers. Read this article.

The lineup for the last Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup of 2018 includes Underground Engine, Arcadia Data, DeedItForward, Data Artisans, PangoPup. It's back at Cruzio on Dec 5. Read this article.

Jobs/Internships

- **View all job openings**
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Events

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

- Tue Dec 4, 7-9pm: **Santa Cruz Drupal User's Group** at NextSpace.

- Wed Dec 5, 6pm: **Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup** at Cruzio.

- Sat Dec 8, 10am: **Santa Cruz Web Developers Meetup** at NextSpace.

- Mon Dec 10, 6-8pm: **Santa Cruz PyLadies Speaker Night: Trident Underwater Drone from OpenROV** at NextSpace.

- Tue Dec 11, 6pm: **Monterey Bay Information Technologists Meetup**, Pacific Grove.

- Wed Dec 12, 5:30pm: **Santa Cruz County AgTech Meetup** at 318 Union St., Watsonville.

- Wed Dec 12, 6pm: **Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup**, Pacific Grove.

- Thu Dec 13, 6pm: **Monterey Makers - Making Stuff Meetup**, Pacific Grove.

- Tue Dec 18, 6pm: **Santa Cruz WordPress Meetup** at Cruzio.

- Wed Dec 19, 6:30pm: **Santa Cruz Bitcoin & Crytocurrency Meetup** at NextSpace.

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