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Craig Vachon, founder and managing partner of Chowdahead Growth Fund, a seed investment firm, has dedicated many years to investing in companies whose mission is to make the world a better place (and be profitable). In this week's digest, you'll find an entertaining podcast in which Vachon talks about investing in AnchorFree, a company that provides technology so that consumers can access a safer and more secure Internet.

Don't take my word for it. The overall consensus is that the *Women in Tech* panel hosted by NextSpace last week was a smash success. (One of the few men in the room told me the next day that it was one of the best events he'd been to in Santa Cruz.) An article cannot articulate the feeling in the room. Ya just had to be there.

There's more so scroll down and start reading the news!

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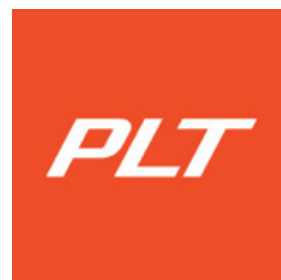
Craig Vachon, founder and managing partner of Chowdahead Growth Fund, talks about why you need to say 'yes' to be lucky. [Listen to podcast.](#)

Fired up! That's how most of us felt after attending the Women in Tech speaker panel hosted by NextSpace last week. [Read this article.](#)

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How do you know you're getting the Internet speed you've been promised? CPUC seeks volunteers for study of internet promises versus performance. [Read this article.](#)

400 K-12 students competed in the 31st annual County of Santa Cruz Science & Engineering Fair held recently at Plantronics. [Read this article.](#)

Eight tips for creating a digital badging system: recognize, encourage, affirm youth who build tech skills. [Read this article.](#)

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- Tue Mar 12, 6-8pm: [Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup](#), 656 Broadway, Seaside.
- Tue Mar 12, 6pm: [Monterey Bay Information Technologists Meetup](#), Pacific Grove.
- Wed Mar 13, 6:30-8pm: [Santa Cruz Data Science and Analytics Meetup](#), New Bohemia, 1030 41st Ave., Santa Cruz.
- Sat Mar 16, 11am: [Susan Wojcicki in Conversation with Dennis Troper](#) at UCSC College 9/10 Multi-Purpose Room.
- Tue Mar 19, 6pm: [Santa Cruz Wordpress Meetup](#) at Cruzio.
- Wed Mar 20, 5-7pm: [Grand Opening of Cabrillo Horticulture and Agriculture Technology Center](#), Cabrillo College.
- Wed Mar 20, 6:30: [Santa Cruz Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency Meetup](#) at NextSpace.



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