

STATUS UPDATE



Samantha Gowen has the latest on movers and shakers in Orange County

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On the move

A former chief executive of Sport Chalet is the new president at Gear Goop in Costa Mesa. Craig Levra, who grew the now-shuttered sporting goods retailer to 55 full-service stores from 18, joins CEO



Levra

Terry Lee on the leadership team. The retailer, located at the hipster SOCO center, specializes in outdoor equipment and apparel. "I am very excited to be part of that forward-thinking plan and truly believe that as the retail landscape continues to change and evolve, Gear Coop will lead the way within our unique sector," Levra said in a statement.

Naren Goel is the new chief financial officer at Irvine-based Ephesoft, a document-capture tech firm. Goel's hire, the company said in a statement, is the part of the firm's recent and rapid growth, following a \$15 million Series A funding round from Mercato Partners in 2017. Goel will preside over teams, systems and processes to fiscally prepare the company for scalable, worldwide growth.



Goel

Retired Orange County Superior Court Judge Thierry P. Colaw has joined Jucadicate West's roster of neutrals in Santa Ana. Colaw was appointed to the bench by Gov. Pete Wilson in 1997 after 20 years in private practice, where he focused on civil litigation. He spent 21 years on the Superior Court bench, predominantly hearing civil law matters.



Colaw

Rebecca King has joined the Fisher Phillips's Irvine law firm as an associate. King will focus her practice on employment litigation and will advise clients on general employment issues, including disability and discrimination concerns, as well as succession planning and transitions.



King

Steven Alvarado also has joined Fisher Phillips. The firm now has 38 lawyers in Irvine. Alvarado will focus his practice on employment litigation. He also has experience representing employers in OSHA proceedings regarding serious injuries and fatalities and has advised on OSHA compliance and enforcement.



COURTESY OF PELICAN HILL

The Resort at Pelican Hill and The Spa at Pelican Hill in Newport Beach each earned a five-star rating in the 60th annual Forbes Travel Guide Star Awards program.

Adam Bowermaster is the new president of Bowermaster and Associates Insurance Agency in Cypress. Bowermaster is the third generation to lead the company. Mike Bowermaster, the firm's previous president and Adam's father, will continue to serve as a mentor and adviser to the executive team. The company specializes in commercial and personal insurance, employee benefits and human resources consulting services.

Alan Friedman has joined Irvine-based Shulman Hodges & Bastian as partner. Friedman, bringing 30 years of Chapter 11 experience, was formerly a partner with Irell & Manella and most recently with Lobel Weiland Golden Friedman.

McGlinchey Stafford has added two attorneys to the firm's Irvine office. David Malmon joins the firm's Business Transactions and Corporate Law groups as of counsel, and Tanya C. McCullah joins the firm's Commercial Litigation group as an associate.

On board

Joe Ferrentino, partner at Newmeyer & Dillon and Kerri Summers, a legal assistant at Call & Jensen, have joined the board of Human Options, an Orange County-based nonprofit dedicated to breaking the cycle of domestic violence.

Grants

Alzheimer's Orange County has received a \$25,000 grant from the S. Mark Taper Foundation. The money will support the organization's programs that help Orange County residents with memory afflicting conditions. In 2017, the organization served more than 25,000 individuals with memory loss and their caregivers through services like its 24/7 telephone helpline, adult day centers, personalized care consultations, caregiver support groups, education



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and training classes, and more.

MOMS Orange County, a Santa Ana-based nonprofit that helps mothers and their families have healthy babies, received a \$5,000 grant from The Crevier Family Foundation to support its Infant Health and Development program. MOMS Orange County's program provides monthly home visits to promote breastfeeding and nutrition, track immunizations and achievement of critical developmental milestones, conduct health risk screenings and enhance parenting and safety skills. The Crevier grant will help the nonprofit provide home visits to 2,200 infants including regular screenings and support for infant development, home and infant safety, parent-child bonding and early literacy.

Good works

Caliber Collision in Brea, Allstate and several other local businesses teamed up to help local resident Danielle Frazier, who needed a reliable car to get her son to school. Frazier, who battles kidney disease and recently lost her home, was given a 2017 Honda Accord, a gift that stems from a partnership with the National Auto Body Council's Recycled

Rides program. The program repairs and donates vehicles to help individuals and families in need. Frazier was nominated for the Recycled Rides car by Carrie Goff. Goff, the co-founder of Second Impressions in Lake Forest, was also a recipient of a Recycled Rides from Caliber Collision five years ago.

Henry T. Nicholas III, the co-founder and former CEO of Broadcom, contributed \$40,000 to help the UCI's men's and women's crew teams participate in the 2018 American Collegiate



Nicholas III

Rowing Association National Championship Regatta this May in Georgia. Nicholas, according to a statement, has been a longtime supporter of

UCI crew, donating more than \$1 million to the program. "I like to support unsung heroes who succeed through hard work, discipline and teamwork," he said in the statement.

Milestones

Two Newport Beach resorts have been recognized in the 60th annual Forbes Travel Guide Star Awards

program. The Resort at Pelican Hill and The Spa at Pelican Hill each earned five-star ratings. Balboa Bay Resort was named a new Forbes Travel Guide four-star hotel.

Rose Epperson, a certified arborist with more than 35 years' experience in tree care, will receive



Epperson

the 2018 Jim Hicks Agricultural Achievement Award from Cal Poly Pomona. The college will present the award at its fourth annual Farm to Table Dinner on April 14. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit springharvest.cpp.edu.

Debra Marsteller, CEO and president of Costa Mesa-based nonprofit Project Independence, has been honored with the Regional Center of Orange County's Life-time Achievement Spotlight Award. The Regional Center funds many of PI's programs, which support adults with developmental disabilities. Marsteller was recognized for her nearly four-decade commitment to advocating, training, mentoring people with disabilities.



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New ventures

Ship & Shore Environmental Inc., a pollution abatement firm in Long Beach, has joined forces with UC Irvine to launch a program of collaboration, exchange of best practices, research and professional engagements. S&SE's CEO Anooosheh Oskouian has become a member of UC Irvine's School of Physical Sciences Dean's Leadership Council as well as UC's Executive Roundtable. S&SE will announce specific plans for collaboration in the weeks ahead.

Irvine-based health care app developer MeU Care is partnering with Ohio-based PatientPoint to launch a new mobile platform this spring that will allow providers to send patients and caregivers secure multimedia messages and personalized education. The app, called PatientPoint Connect, aims to help providers extend quality care delivery beyond the doctor's office or hospital. By the end of the year, PatientPoint said its programs are on track to reach more than 140,000 health care providers.

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