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## Status Update: Music Lab moving to bigger digs in Yorba Linda; Alzheimer's fundraising gala nears

In-person Alzheimer's fundraising gala nears



Andrew Bloom stands with The Music Lab owner Victor Delgado, left. The American Idol contestant took lessons at the Yorba Linda shop for five years. Delgado is moving his music lab and store of 29 years to a bigger spot in the city. (File photo: OC Register)

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In business since 1993, The Music Lab offers music lessons to children and adults. It also rents musical instruments to hundreds of students in the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District music program.

Last spring, Delgado was one of [myriad small business owners who refused to close](#) amid the pandemic lockdowns.

"Have not closed my store in 29 years and not closing it now ... sorry," he said in a March 21 Facebook post. In another March 17 entry he wrote, "Please wash your hands."

Delgado said the new location will allow his business to expand the variety of music lessons, music supplies and quality musical instruments.

The multi-purpose store also provides repairs and service for instruments.

Address: 19851 Yorba Linda Blvd. Phone: 714-970-8282





Travelers wait in line during check in at John Wayne Airport in Santa Ana. (Photo by Paul Bersebach, Orange County Register/SCNG)

## Airport traffic humming in August

Passenger traffic at John Wayne Airport almost looked back to normal in August as 831,522 travelers passed through its gates.

The 211% increase over August 2020 numbers can be directly attributed to the slump in travel brought on by the pandemic. Last summer, most non-essential activities had been restricted and only 266,986 people used the airport that month.

So, what does a typical August look like at JWA? The airport points to August 2019 when 942,541 passengers used the facility. Traffic this summer was down 11.8% from 2019.

More airport highlights for August include:

Commercial aircraft operations increased 89.6% and commuter aircraft operations decreased 5.1% when compared with August 2020 levels. Comparing August 2021 to 2019 levels, commercial aircraft operations of 7,305 decreased 5.4% and commuter aircraft operations of 520 decreased 4.6%.

Total take-offs and landings (29,814) increased 29.8% increase compared with total operations (22,963) in August 2020, and decreased 0.4% compared with August 2019 total of 29,921.

The top three airlines in August 2021 based on passenger count were Southwest Airlines (355,670), American Airlines (138,241) and Alaska Airlines (105,812).







Seen here at the last Alzheimer's OC gala in 2019 are AlzOC CEO Jim McAleer, left, and Angels Baseball Chairman Dennis Kuhl. (Courtesy of Kristi Klemens)

## Gala back to in-person soiree

Alzheimer's Orange County will return to in-person fundraising, hosting its Jewel of OC event Saturday, Oct. 16, at The Hanger at the OC Fair & Event Center. Tickets are \$750 per person.

All proceeds raised from the gala will go to support programs and services for the 84,000 local Orange County residents affected by Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. The benefit will feature live entertainment, auction, gourmet dinner and more.

To become a sponsor, go to [alzocgala.org/purchasesponsorship](https://alzocgala.org/purchasesponsorship). For more on the event, go to [alzocgala.org](https://alzocgala.org)

## Law firms merge

The 27-year-old law office of Philip L. Hummel, currently in Orange, has merged with Cummins & White LLP in Newport Beach.

Cummins & White, founded in 1951 and in Orange County since 1976, specializes in insurance coverage, acquisitions, estate planning, real estate, tax planning, healthcare, bankruptcy, government agency and political law. The firm's civil and commercial litigation areas handle disputes in the fields of construction, employment, intellectual property, tax, and third-party liability.

Before joining Cummins & White, Hummel led his own Orange County litigation firm since 1994 and has been an attorney since 1986.





Gregory Reeder is the new CEO at Medterra, a CBD brand based in Irvine. (Courtesy of Medterra)

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## New CEO for Medterra

Gregory Reeder is the new chief executive officer at Medterra in Irvine, a cannabidiol brand.

Former CEO and founder Jay Hartenbach will maintain responsibilities as chairman of Medterra's board while assuming a new position as chief innovation officer.

Reeder initially joined Medterra in February as managing director of Medterra International. Previous roles include heading Pfizer's \$1.8 billion Global Wellness business, general manager of Pfizer Canada Consumer Healthcare and country manager of Pfizer Romania.

Medterra will be expanding its focus into the larger and growing wellness category while working with CBD.



Kim Mikes has been appointed chief executive officer for Hoag Orthopedic Institute in Irvine.

Mikes, who had been serving as acting CEO following the departure of CEO Jennifer Mitzner in May, was selected after a nationwide search and review of more than 100 applications for the position.

Previously, Mikes had been senior vice president, chief operating officer and chief nursing officer at Hoag Orthopedic Institute since starting in 2016.



Matthew Kwietniak is the new chief commercial officer at Tustin-based Avid Bioservices, left. The law firm Gilson Daub has hired Ruel Caneda at its San Clemente office. (Courtesy of Avid Bioservices and Gilson Daub)

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## On the move

Matthew Kwietniak is the new chief commercial officer at Tustin-based Avid Bioservices, a biologics development and manufacturing organization. He will be responsible for continuing the current growth trajectory of Avid's business. Kwietniak most recently served as head of drug product sales for the Americas at Thermo Fisher Scientific.

The law firm Gilson Daub has hired Ruel Caneda at its San Clemente office. He previously was a trial attorney for the State Compensation Insurance Fund in Riverside.

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This is the fifth year Goodwill of Orange County has partnered with Arco to help Orange County residents find meaningful employment.

## Grants

Santa Ana-based Beyond Blindness, formerly known as Blind Children's Learning Center, has received a \$30,000 grant from STAAR Surgical, an ophthalmology company that designs, develops and manufactures implantable lenses. STAAR's grant will support services provided by Beyond Blindness including early intervention, education and enrichment and family support.

## Milestones

Newport Beach-based Modere, a lifestyle brand led by CEO Asma Ishaq, was named the top company on the Women Presidents'



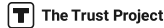
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