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STATUS UPDATE



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

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Electronics recycling event coming to MainPlace Mall

Got some e-waste that needs a safe dropoff site? MainPlace Mall in Santa Ana will host a free drive-thru event from 1 to 4 p.m. April 24 where area residents can drop off used electronics to be recycled. Some items — including computers, servers, laptops, tablets, hard drives, monitors, televisions, all-in-one printers, copiers, scanners and mobile phones — require a recycling certificate to be dropped off. Reps with the mall said those certificates will be available the day of the recycling event. If customers need a hard drive wiped clean, they'll be charged \$7 for the service from California Electronics.

Other items, from keyboards and mice to DVD and VHS players, printers, fax machines, radios, alarm clocks, speakers and satellite dishes, can be discarded at no charge through this recycling event.

Items that cannot be accepted at the event include appliances, paint, hazardous materials, adhesives, liquids, chemicals, furniture, batteries, lightbulbs and fluorescent tubes.

The event will occur in the outer parking lot along Main Street. The first 100 vehicles to bring an item for recycling will get a \$15 gift card redeemable at certain MainPlace Mall retailers. It's one gift card per vehicle and while supplies last, mall reps said.

Organizers ask that you wear a mask and maintain your 6 feet of distance. For more information, go to shopmainplacemall.com/events/.

Address: 2800 N. Main St., Santa Ana

EDD awards grant for legal clinic

Goodwill of Orange County has received a \$400,000 grant from California's Employment Development Department. The nonprofit said it will use the money to fund programs at the Tierney Center for Veteran Services.

The Veterans Employment-Related Assistance Program awarded a total of \$4.9 million for 11 organizations in 13 counties that will help veterans find jobs.

Goodwill said the money will be used for programs that help veterans find work including career counseling, training, credentialing, apprenticeships, on-the-job training and job placement help.



BAO TEA

Board-certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon Bao-Thy Grant created Orange-based Bao Tea, a company behind an all-in-one toothbrush and tongue scraper. The BPA-free device costs \$14.95, and a toothbrush holder sells for \$8.95.

Law firm expands to Orange County

Blank Rome, a law firm based in Philadelphia, is forming an Orange County office and so far has added three attorneys to the firm's Corporate, M&A and Securities group.

Partner Sharon R. Klein will serve as chair of the Privacy, Security & Data Protection practice. She is joined by partner Alex C. Nisenbaum and associate Karen H. Shin.

The company is still on the hunt for office space. The trio of attorneys joined Blank Rome from Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders, where Klein led compliance for the Cybersecurity, Information Governance and Privacy practice group.

360 Clinic expands

Westminster-based 360 Clinic has a new partnership with the Navy, expanding its COVID-19 testing services to San Diego and Bremerton, Washington. The company is Orange County's health care partner for the convention center testing.

Surgeon invents combo toothbrush

A new oral care company in Orange has launched an all-in-one toothbrush and tongue cleaner.

Board-certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon Bao-Thy Grant founded Bao Tea to create products with an eye on users' oral health. The BPA-free toothbrush and tongue cleaner come with nylon bristles on one end and a four-tiered tongue cleaner on the other.

The device costs \$14.95 and has a toothbrush holder for \$8.95. Both are available at baotea.com and on Amazon.

Fertility clinic opens in Newport Beach

Rise Fertility has opened its first location in Newport Beach.

The clinic, which offers a host of fertility treatments, was founded by Harvard and Yale alumna Dr. Sanaz Ghazal. Rise also has a location in Mission Viejo.

Address: 3333 W. Coast Highway, Suite 300, Newport Beach

On the move

Dr. Dipti Itchhaporia at Hoag Memorial Hospital

Presbyterian has been appointed as the American College of Cardiology president for 2021-2022. She will lead the more than 54,000-member organization, which has a mission to transform cardiovascular care and improve heart health.

Walter Yenkosky, director of operations for Orange County Music and Dance, a nonprofit performing arts school in Irvine, has been promoted to chief operating officer. Previously, he was at Northwest Alliance of Consultants in Minnesota.

On board

Henry J. Maier, president and CEO of FedEx Ground, will be appointed to Irvine-based CalAmp's board of directors, effective June 1. Maier has been responsible for the strategic direction and performance of FedEx Ground, a \$22.7 billion subsidiary of FedEx Corp., since 2013. CalAmp is a software tech company known for creating the LoJack system used in vehicles. Other products include Tracker, Here Comes The Bus and Bus Guardian.

Mara James, founder and CEO of the Extraordinary Lives Foundation, was recently appointed to

the Orange County Behavioral Health Advisory Board. The Laguna Niguel resident brings experience as a nonprofit professional in children's mental health. In her role on the advisory board, she'll work on a committee for Student Mental Health, focused on students struggling emotionally due to the pandemic, and the pandemic's impact on children and youth through the county and OC Department of Education collaborations.



James

CureDuchenne Ventures, the investment arm of the Newport Beach-based nonprofit CureDuchenne, has invested an undisclosed amount of money with Entrada Therapeutics.

Research investment

The Boston-based Entrada Therapeutics recently announced a total of \$116 million in financing from investors, including CureDuchenne Ventures.

The money will go toward helping drug development to fight the rare and deadly form of muscular dystrophy.

LGBTQIA scholarships

PFLAG Newport Beach will be awarding up to four scholarships to graduating Class of 2021 LGBTQIA seniors. Each scholarship, in the amount of \$500, will be given to recipients who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex or straight ally and who will be continuing in higher education.

Applicants must currently have a minimum 2.0 GPA and be a resident of Orange County.

Applications must be received by email no later than May 15. Scholarships will be announced June 1, and recipients will be invited to an award ceremony June 17.

Apply online at bit.ly/32hW3xk

The awards are made possible by donations from Orange County residents Carrie Freitas and Braunwyn Windham-Burke.

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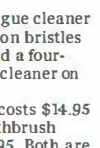
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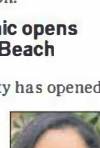
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