

## STATUS UPDATE



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### Allied Universal hiring 500 at virtual jobs fair

Allied Universal, a security and facility services company in Santa Ana, is looking to hire 500 people for jobs across Orange County.

The company is hosting a virtual job event from 10-11 a.m. Friday. To participate, applicants should sign up by sending an email to [aflores@hbas.edu](mailto:aflores@hbas.edu).

A brief scan March 5 of 382 jobs available within 50 miles of Orange shows positions for security patrol drivers, graveyard shifts (starting at \$15.50 hourly), campus security and airport armed shift supervisors (\$17.50 hourly), to name just a few.

The company will help applicants get a Guard Card, which is required in California, provide information on the benefits available to full-time employees, including a 401K plan.

Job listings are available at <https://jobs.aus.com/>

### ATN gets \$5M grant to aid all-electric goal

The Anaheim Transportation Network has been awarded a \$5 million grant that will help the agency get closer to its goal of creating an all-electric transit system.

The money from the California Energy Commission will be used to buy charging stations, batteries and other solar infrastructure required to support ATN's microgrid and zero-emission vehicle fleet.

"This investment will assist ATN in delivering a world-class electric bus fleet that will not only benefit passengers but will also enhance air quality for the entire region," Diana Kotler, ATN executive director, said in a statement.

ATN wants its fleet of buses to be all-electric by 2025.

The electric buildout will include multiple Tesla battery energy storage systems, microgrid controller units and heavy-duty battery charging stations at ATN's two facilities in Anaheim.

### Spinal robot on board

Hoag Hospital has added another robot of sorts to its surgical rotation.

The hospital's Pickup Family Neurosciences Institute in Newport Beach is using an advanced robotic-assisted, minimally invasive spine surgery system called the Mazor X Stealth Edition Robotic Guidance Platform.

According to Hoag, the Mazor combines 3D planning tools that "allow surgeons to operate with precision and efficiency, reducing the need for X-rays, and minimizes pain and recov-



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"This robotic instrument allows the surgeon to be in complete control, but gives them the superior benefit of 3D-guided navigation in one easy-to-use tool," said Burak Ozgur, M.D., chief of service for the Neurosurgery Spine Program at the institute.

Robotic and computer-assisted tech platforms are used at Hoag's institutes in women's health, cardiovascular conditions and general surgery.

### New book by OC author

SoCal-based author and attorney M.C. Sungaila has a new guided companion journal on tap, part of her Mother's Thoughts for Day: Twenty-Five Years of Wisdom series.

The journal offers readers a chance to share their own advice with their family in addition to tips and advice from Sungaila. It will be available for presale at Amazon and Barnes & Noble on March 10.

Each book Sungaila has published has benefitted a local charity including the Pacific Symphony's arts education program and Sir Bruno Serato's Caterina's Club, which provides warm meals, affordable-housing assistance, and job training to homeless and low-income families.

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### On the move

Daniel Burke, chief enterprise strategy officer at Irvine-based Pacific Dental Services, has been chosen to participate on the Framework Steering Com-



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Able ARTS Work Founder and CEO Helen G. Dolas stands with David Jewell with Yamaha and the upcycled guitars that were made into art.

mittee by the National Association for Chronic Disease Directors and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, division of Oral Health. The 10-person committee is charged with guiding a national framework for expanding medical and dental integration programs throughout the nation.

### On board

Bill Sasser, chairman and chief executive officer of Tustin-based The Management Trust, has joined the board of directors of The USO's West Region Board. Prior to founding The Management Trust, Sasser was the co-owner and president of Transpacific Management



Sasser



Burke



Tajima



Rogers

West; and Glenn W. Rogers, retired, senior partner at Accenture.

### Guitars into artwork

Buena Park-based Yamaha Corp. of America donated more than 200 "upcycled" musical instruments, slightly blemished guitars, cellos and violins, to four Orange County nonprofits, which then worked with local artists

and students to transform the instruments into new art.

Able ARTS Work, Anaheim Elementary School District, Boys & Girls Club of Buena Park and KatrinaKures/CHOC have put their creations on display at the Able ARTS Work Gallery where they are for sale. Money raised will support the organizations' missions overall.

"Instead of crushing these instruments, the Yamaha Cares Upcycle Program provides an innovative way for organizations to raise funds for their art and music programs," says David Jewell, partnerships and alliances manager at Yamaha.

### Give to Special Olympics at the checkout

Shoppers at Albertsons, Vons and Pavilions can support Special Olympics Southern California athletes through March 23 at the checkout line.

Customers are given three flat donation amount options of \$1, \$3 or \$5. You can also select a custom amount by telling the cashier.

All donations will support SOSOC athletes in the form of free sports training and programming, such as virtual workouts, learning materials and equipment.

More information on the campaign can be found at [sosoc.org/avp](http://sosoc.org/avp).

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