Sometimes the address says it all.  

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OCTANe Plans Continued Support of LaunchPad Businesses

By Vita Reed / OCBJ - Panel discussions and business plan competitions weren’t the only agenda items on deck at the Medical Device & Investor Forum held this month by Aliso Viejo-based group OCTANe. OCTANe officials said at the forum, which they hosted at Hotel Irvine, that they’ll expand its LaunchPad initiative by adding mechanisms to further OCTANe -supported businesses growth by helping them with operational execution. That process will involve the organizations 200 adviser network. [Read More]

CalChamber Wins Veto of Overly Broad Bill, Leads Opposition to Misguided Regulations

CalChamber Headlines - A quiet legislative year on workplace safety issues still ended in a victory for the California Chamber of Commerce, which also kept busy leading employer opposition to misguided regulatory proposals.

The CalChamber-opposed legislation regarding Cal/OSHA safety variances, AB 578 (Low; D-Campbell). The bill would have created uncertainty and potential delays for all employers seeking variances from safety standards by creating expansive new notification requirements from employers to individuals who are not employees of the employer and who...
may not be known to the employer, in order to solve a narrow concern with variance applications for elevators. Although the CalChamber offered amendments, they were rejected by the author and sponsors of the bill, which was vetoed by the Governor.

Throughout the year, Cal/OSHA was very busy on the regulatory front. [Read More]

Nonprofit OCTANe Seeks to Expand Prospects for Startups

By Chris Casacchia / OCBJ – OCTANe's new strategy to attract investment dollars and emerging companies to the region is showing early returns for Orange County's vibrant startup and entrepreneurial scene. The Aliso Viejo-based group played a key role in the recent seed round of BluStor PMC Inc. and the company's planned relocation from Chicago to OC, where the security service provider aims to leverage the regions strong talent pool, funding options, and potential customer base of medical equipment and device makers. We really need the company to be closer to the West Coast, and it will probably be Orange County said BluStor founder Finis Conner, a pioneer in Silicon Valley. [Read More]
California sets the trend for the rest of the nation, ranked as the eighth largest economy in the world and taking the lead in entrepreneurial infrastructure, manufacturing and agriculture.
“Find Your Adventure in a National Park with Ken Burns or in a chemistry lab at UCI

Tournament of Roses President Mike Matthiessen

By Laura Berthold Monteros - Tournament of Roses President Mike Matthiessen made an inspired choice for the 2016 Rose Parade Grand Marshal when he chose award-winning documentarian Ken Burns. Burns, who won an Emmy for his PBS series The National Parks: America's Best Idea, is a great choice for this parade. Themed "Find Your Adventure," it is a collaboration between the Tournament and the National Parks Service in celebration of the NPS' centennial. Burns accepted the honor via video. "I would never have imagined getting to watch the Rose Bowl Game as Grand Marshal," he said. "I'll see you in Pasadena and in one of our parks." [Read More]