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STATUS UPDATE



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State looks for recipients of \$16 million in tax refunds

This may be your lucky day: the California Franchise Tax Board tax officials are trying to locate nearly 4,200 Orange County taxpayers who missed out on \$2.1 million because their income refund was returned to the Franchise Tax Board as undeliverable.

Overall, the state is trying to locate 48,000 taxpayers who are due \$16 million in undeliverable refunds dating back to the 2009 tax year. The refunds range from \$1 to \$54,000, although most are less than \$1,000. In most cases, the refunds couldn't be delivered because the taxpayer moved and did not inform the Franchise Tax Board of a new address. Tax refunds cannot be forwarded.

If you want to know if you are owed money, you can call the Franchise Tax Board's customer service number at 800-852-5711. You can also update your address online at [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov). Go to "Access your account." Refunds are issued automatically as soon as the new address is received.

The IRS also holds refund checks that have been returned as undeliverable. The IRS did not release the total number of refunds returned or the dollar total. Taxpayers can check at [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) under "Where's my refund?" or call 800-829-1954. IRS spokesman Raphael Tulino said if you file a 2013 tax return with your current address, the IRS will automatically credit any previous returned refund to this year's tax return.

- Mary Ann Milbourn

ON THE MOVE

Joseph B. Daly joins **Merit Payments Solutions**, a transaction processing company based in Irvine, as senior vice president of operations. Daly previously served as senior vice president and general manager of enterprise solutions at **Comdata Network**.

Patrick Plummer is now chief operating officer and senior vice president at **Healthcare Data Solutions**, a company in Irvine that maintains data about health care providers. Plummer previously founded and served as CEO of the recently-acquired **StratCenter**, a company in Mechanicsburg, Pa., that provides data about hospitals, other health care organizations and provider facilities.



MILESTONES

**DC Shoes Inc.**, a Huntington Beach-based action-sports apparel subsidiary of **Quiksilver Inc.**, celebrates 20 years of business with the rollout of a redesigned version of its 1998 Lynx skate shoe. The company was founded by skaters Damon Way and Ken Block. Ads for the new shoe will feature pro skaters Josh Kalis and Costa Mesa-based Matt Miller.



Erin Giglia and Laurie Rowen

Three Irvine entrepreneurs were selected as Entprising Women of the Year by the advisory board and editorial team of Entprising Women magazine. Laurie Rowen and Erin Giglia, attorneys and founders of **Montage Legal Group**,



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won in the category of companies with annual sales revenues from \$1 million to \$2 million. Kim Shepherd, CEO of the Decision Toolbox recruitment firm, is a winner for companies with revenues from \$5 million to \$10 million.

NEW VENTURES

The **Hagen, Streiff, Newton & Oshiro, Accountants, PC** accounting firm in Newport Beach, has renamed its forensic technology practice **Franklin Data**. That's the name that the previously independent company used before it was acquired by HSNO in 2007. The old moniker was revived to better position the direction of Franklin Data's core business, which is data processing and analysis.

**Autobytel Inc.**, a company in Irvine that provides car information to consumers and sales leads to auto dealers, acquired **AutoUSA** from **AutoNation Inc.** for \$10 million cash. AutoUSA, based in Fort Lauderdale, provides leads for related services for car dealers.

**Melissa Data**, a Rancho Santa Margarita company that makes software that captures, maintains and cleans contact information, opened a new office in London. Barley Laing will lead the company's United Kingdom efforts as managing director of U.K. operations. He was previously CEO of **World Addresses Inc.**



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Kathleen Luppi of the Register staff contributed to this report.

OVERHEARD

“ This is just the kind of reaction you get from someone who is essentially a rookie in the car business. You will not hear a seasoned auto executive knock NHTSA.”

**KARL BRAUER, SENIOR ANALYST WITH IRVINE-BASED KELLEY BLUE BOOK, TO BLOOMBERG ON TESLA CO-FOUNDER ELON MUSK'S COMMENT THAT "THE WORD 'RECALL' NEEDS TO BE RECALLED." MUSK, SEEN BELOW, WAS EXASPERATED THAT THE U.S. NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION LISTED AS A RECALL TESLA'S SOFTWARE UPDATE TO REDUCE FIRE RISKS DURING RECHARGING, AFTER AN IRVINE GARAGE FIRE.**



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