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Nominations are now open for the 2016 CREW-OC SPIRE Awards. Last year's SPIRE awards garnered 152 entrants and nearly 250 attendees.

Coming up

Nominations are open for the fifth annual commercial real estate SPIRE awards. Presented by the Orange County chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women, the award ceremony will recognize developers, general contractors, engineers, brokers, lenders, architects, attorneys, property managers, interior designers and mortgage bankers. The event is scheduled for March 10 at the Center Club in Costa Mesa. Nomination forms are due by Feb. 5 and are available for download at crewocspireawards .com.

New ventures

Irvine-based Sabra Health Care **REIT** bought nine senior housing facilities in Illinois, Oregon and Washington. The purchase was made in two deals totaling \$84.7 million. Sabra spent \$65 million on four senior housing facilities in Oregon and Washington that will be leased to Portland-based Radiant Senior Living. Another \$19.7 million was spent on Life's Journey Senior Living, which con-

sists of five properties in Illinois. Villa Park Professional Center

was sold by the Gudzunas family to NOENA Real Estate for \$3.9 million. Sonya Dopp-Grech, senior vice president with NAI Capital in Irvine, represented the seller. Villa Park Professional center is located at 17871 Santiago Blvd., Villa Park. The 13,254-square-foot office building includes a mix of offices and medical tenants. At the time of the sale, the property was fully occu-

Senior Vice President Mike Bouma and Vice President Paul Caputo at the Anaheim office of Voit Real **Estate Services** directed the \$6 million sale of an industrial warehouse in Huntington Beach. The buyer is a distributor of educational supplies and will use the property for warehousing, distribution and administrative office use. The 41,454-square-foot property is located at 5422 Argosy Ave.

San Diego-based Westcore Properties has bought an industrial portfolio from MetLife for \$69.4 million. The acquisition includes eight buildings in Orange County and the Inland Empire. The purchase totals 634,289 square feet of property, including 7100, 7050, 7051, 7101 and 7150 Village Drive, Buena Park; 4422 Airport Drive, Ontario; 300 E. Arrow Highway, San Dimas; and 14301 Gannet St., La



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Mirada. MetLife was represented by Darla Longo and Barbara Emmons of CBRE.

On the move

Steven Hogberg joined NAI Capital's Irvine office as senior vice president. Hogberg has more than 25 years experience in office and retail property sales and leasing. He most recently worked with Coreland Cos., overseeing the brokerage division that focused on sales and leasing of commercial property in Southern California.

In memoriam

Phillip Nicholson, one of Cox, Castle & Nicholson's founding



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partners, died Sept. 21. Nicholson worked at the real estate specialty law firm for more than 47 years. He began his career at Dillavou & Cox, where he became

senior partner. He then partnered with George Cox and Richard Castle to start Cox, Castle & Nicholson in 1968. He was honored as one of the nation's top lawyers and was active with the California Continuing Education of the Bar.

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- show that Orange County's high home costs aren't deterring too many

But I look at the brisk buying in Yorba Linda, for example, as "value" hunting, too. It's a city where at least you get some land to go with your pricey home.

price matters. Still, How else do you explain that countywide sales volume is up just 3.4 percent from a year ago when mortgage rates remain near historic lows amid the strongest job market since the turn of the cen-

Compare that meek countywide sales growth

bargain: resale condos, which have a median price of just \$430,000. Sales of resale condos rose 10.4 percent from a year ago.

to the market's relative

Also, note that combined sales in the 27 least expensive ZIPs - median sales prices of \$535,000 and below - were up 12.6 percent compared with a year ago.

At the other end of the spectrum, few folks have much sympathy for the eight Orange County ZIP codes that had medians above \$1 million in August. But does price matter there, too?

Sales in the seven-figure ZIPs were down 1.1 percent compared with August 2014.

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