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Veterans Day Hillcrest Park

Brig. Gen. Keith D. Jones of the California Army National Guard, Los Alamitos JFTB, will be the guest speaker at the City of Fullerton's 23rd Annual Veterans Day observance Thurs., Nov. 11 at Hillcrest Park on N. Harbor.

The event begins with a parade at 10am from the Museum Plaza on E. Wilshire in Downtown Fullerton and ends with a ceremony at Hillcrest Park beginning at 11am. All veterans are welcome to march in the parade which features ROTC units and band from area high schools.

Air Combat USA, based at Fullerton Airport, will lead with a "fly-over" of the parade route.

The observance is hosted by Fullerton American Legion Post 142 and the Fullerton Emblem Club 469. The City is assisting with the event. Call 714-871-2412.

2010 Election

After the November 2, 2010 election, find results at: Observer website: www.fullertonobserver.com

The Orange County Registrar of Voters website: www.ocvote.com

The League of Women Voters website at www.smartvoter.com.



Above: Beckman Coulter partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Orange County to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Make a Difference Day, the largest national day of community service. A total of 78 employees helped with finishing touches for the homes, including painting, flooring, baseboard installations, landscaping and more. Volunteers above graded several areas throughout the project site to make way for decorative pavers. More on page 6.

Redevelopment Foe Spends \$13,000 on Election Hit Mailers & Robo Calls

Based on required Form 460 filings, local developer Tony Bushala, (a redevelopment foe who is suing the city) has spent \$12,973.66 to oppose candidates running for city council.

Although the groups set up by Mr. Bushala include the words "Friends" and "Residents" in their titles, he appears to be the only friend and resident involved, and is listed as both the "Treasurer" and the only contributor to the following committees:

•Friends for Fullerton who Oppose Pat McKinley for Fullerton City Council 2010: Bushala contributed and spent \$1,503.66 for "Robo calls" by Voice Broadcasting, of Arlington, Texas, and signs from Cogs South of Santa Ana.

•Fullerton Residents who Oppose Aaron Gregg for Fullerton City Council 2010: Bushala contributed and spent \$5,400 on mailers from BFC Political Campaign Services of Long Beach.

•Fullerton Residents who Oppose Roland Chi for Fullerton City Council 2010: Bushala

contributed and spent \$6,070 on mailers from BFC Political Campaign Services of Long Beach and signs from Cogs South of Santa Ana.

Mr. Bushala has also set up committees opposing city council candidates Doug Chaffee and Don Bankhead though he has yet to disclose monetary contributions or expenditures for those committees.

Bushala is listed as a major contributor (over \$4,000 so far) to Bruce Whitaker, council candidate for the 2-year seat (running against Roland Chi and Aaron Gregg).

Mr. Bushala's FFFF (Friends for Fullerton's Future) current lawsuit against the city is an attempt to stop redevelopment expansion in West Fullerton, although all area property owners who asked to be excluded from the plan have been. The trial date is in December.

Candidate Greg Sebourn (4-year Council position) and elementary school board candidate Chris Thompson are also connected with FFFF.

Redevelopment Helps Make Habitat Homes Possible

According to the city housing element portion of the General Plan, in 2009, there were 47,092 housing units in the city of Fullerton: 27,918 single-family; 18,253 multi-family; and 921 mobile homes. Approximately 53.8% of the homes are owner-occupied.

Eleven new homes, for low- and very-low-income households, currently being built by Habitat for Humanity on Valencia Dr., and 34 new homes, for moderate income earners, being built by the Olson Company in the Richman School area will add to that owner-occupied stock.

Each city's fair share of affordable housing is assessed by the Southern California Assoc. of Governments. Fullerton's fair share, to be built by 2014, includes: 725 housing units allocated for low- and very-low-income households and 376 units for moderate-income earners. The 2010 Orange County Income Guides define the income limits. For instance, a family of three with an income of no more than \$66,950 per year is in the "moderate" category, (low-income is \$41,850 per year, and very-low is \$25,100).

Habitat for Humanity was assisted by the Fullerton Redevelopment Agency with \$2.6 million in the purchase and improvement of land, relocation of occupants, and loans made available to the new homebuyers. (These loans must be repaid to the Agency if the units are ever sold to a non-qualifying household.) The Redevelopment Agency brings \$18 million a year into the city which can be invested in such projects. If the agency did not exist about \$15.3 million would be reallocated to other cities and the county. Local school districts are excluded from receiving the funds.

Correction

Jesse La Tour: City Council candidate Jesse La Tour objected to being included in statements describing the field of candidates as non-creative and having virtually interchangeable ideas in the Mid-Oct. article "The Year of the Non-Incumbent," by Vince Buck. (see his letter page 3).

Endorsement of Prop 22: The information on the Republican Party position on Prop 22 listed in the Mid-October issue on page 9, "Who Supports/Opposes What?" was in error. With some supporting the measure and others opposing it, the California Republican Party has taken a final neutral stance on Prop 22.

Out of Town Groups Spend Over \$30,000 to Oppose Doug Chaffee

ATLAS Political Action Committee of Sacramento has spent \$22,483 to oppose Doug Chaffee for City Council. Most of the money contributed to ATLAS comes from the Building Industry Association of Southern California, (CEO is Richard Lambros of Fullerton); Urban Street Properties, Inc of Newport Beach; and Robert Sparr of WesPAC Trustee Services, Newport Beach.

"California Homeowners Assoc." of Willows, Glenn County in northern California (population 6,200) spent \$7,976 to oppose Doug Chaffe. At the same time the group supported Don Bankhead and Pat McKinley with \$2,718.50 each. Contributions to the group come from ATLAS; OC Professional Firefighters Assoc.; California Citizens for Fair Government, Garden Grove; and the Committee for Improved Public Policy: Home-Building Industry of Laguna Niguel.

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Recycle Your Electronic Waste Nov. 6th

Fullerton School District is sponsoring an E-Waste Recycling Day on Saturday, November 6th at Ladera Vista Junior High School from 9am to 3pm.

Ladera Vista is located at 1700 E. Wilshire Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831. You can call 949-500-8343 to arrange home pick-up of items. Be sure to mention Fullerton Technology Foundation.

All electronic waste will be accepted. The School District will receive funds based on the weight of the items. None of the items will be resold, shipped to foreign countries, or put in land-fills.

Police Seek Victims of Indecent Exposure

Fullerton police arrested Ruben Rodriguez, a 21-year-old Anaheim resident, on Oct. 28 for indecent exposure and other charges stemming from incidents involving at least seven girls ages 12 to 17 in the area of Sunny Hills High and Nicolas Junior High. Rodriguez, described as a 5-11, 220 pound Hispanic, with plug-type earrings in each ear, brown eyes, and hair tied back into a short ponytail, had previously been arrested for indecent exposure on Sept. 9, 2010.

Rodriguez would typically stand near his vehicle parked alongside the curb. As the girl would get close, he would turn around and talk to the girl while masturbating. Over the weeks, his actions near schools became more bold, and he escalated to following his victims. He was most often seen in a white pick-up truck, possibly a Ford Ranger or a light-colored Nissan pick-up.

Police want to encourage any additional victims to come forward. Anyone who believes they may have been a victim of Rodriguez is urged to call Detective Stuart Hamilton at (714) 738-3301 or the Front Desk at (714) 738-6715.

OCTA 25% Bus Fare Increase Put on Hold

The Orange County Transportation Authority board voted to put off the 25% bus fare hike scheduled to go into effect January 2011.

The \$300 million 2010-11 transit operating budget OCTA approved in June included a reduction of 150,000 hours of bus service that was cut in March and \$14 million in administrative cuts. In addition, the state restored transit funding that had previously been cut.

The 25% fare increase was expected to generate \$5.4 million. However, because of the reductions that were implemented and sales tax revenues that are \$5.8 million higher than budgeted, the fare increase can be deferred for at least six months.

OCTA will review the financial outlook as it works next year to develop the 2011-12 budget and determine whether it is economically feasible to continue delaying a fare increase.



Beckman Coulter & Habitat for Humanity Team Up on National Make a Difference Day

Nearly 70 Beckman Coulter employee volunteers took part in the October 23rd Make a Difference Day by volunteering their labor at the site of new affordable homes being built by Habitat for Humanity in Fullerton. This year marks the 20th anniversary of Make a Difference Day, the largest day of community service held across the U.S.

The Habitat for Humanity of Orange County project is located in Fullerton, California, close to Beckman Coulter's world headquarters in Brea. Construction on the site began in early March and includes five homes, all between 1,100-1,300 square feet, with 2-3 bedrooms each. Five families, selected by Habitat for Humanity from more than 100 applicants, will move into the affordably priced homes.

With framing complete and exterior work ongoing, the volunteers concentrated their efforts on the finishing touches such as painting, flooring and baseboard installations, landscaping and more.

Beckman Coulter has been a generous supporter of science education in Fullerton schools. "In addition to the science and healthcare-related charitable efforts the Foundation supports, our employees are proud to take part in programs such as this that contribute to the quality of life in the communities where we work and live," says Mary Luthy, director of Corporate Communications for Beckman Coulter.

The Beckman Coulter Foundation is a separate, private foundation established in 2007 as an important part of Beckman Coulter, Inc.'s charitable giving efforts. For more information, visit www.beckmancoulterfoundation.org.

Beckman develops, manufactures and markets products that simplify, automate and innovate complex biomedical tests. Recurring revenue, consisting of consumable supplies (including reagent test

kits), service and operating-type lease payments, represent about 80% of the company's 2009 revenue of \$3.3 billion. For more information, visit www.beckmancoulter.com.



Above: Beckman Coulter volunteer, Michael Sharpe, uses a jack hammer to help speed up work on the project

Former Beckman Fullerton Headquarters for Sale

Beckman Coulter, Inc., moved from its 55-year Fullerton headquarters at 4300 N. Harbor at Lambert, to its Brea location earlier this year to streamline operations. The 600,800 square foot 8-building facility on 44 acres was put up for sale in July.

Although currently zoned for industrial uses, with a zoning change other uses could include a mixed use development project with retail, office, and residential.

Fullerton Beautiful: Edible Landscape: Lawn to Garden to Supper

Edible landscape is the topic of Fullerton Beautiful's annual meeting on Sunday, November 14 at 2pm in the pavilion of the Fullerton Arboretum at Cal State Fullerton (Associated Rd. and Yorba Linda Blvd.) Speaker Jonathan Davis, who works at the Arboretum, is completing his Master's in Botany. Last year Jonathan pioneered the installation of "the Farm." Tucked in a corner of the Arboretum, the plot demonstrates what can be done with an idle plot of ground. Not only does Mr. Davis grow and tend the crops, he also prepares healthy and succulent meals from the bounty--and he'll tell you how to do it! Refreshments. Open to the Public.

Questions? call 714/871-4156.

Note: Jonathan Davis is also conducting a class, "Eat the Yard! Organic Edible Gardening," at the Arboretum on Sat., Nov. 20 from 9am-noon or from 1pm-4pm at Oak Hall. Call 657-278-3407 to register. \$25. See page 15 for more.

Applicants Sought for City Advisory Groups

Applications are being accepted from residents interested in participating on 13 committees and commissions which assist the City Council. Applications are available by calling the City Clerk at 714-738-6571, by visiting the office on the first floor of City Hall, or by going online to the City Clerk's page at www.cityoffullerton.com. Deadline for returning applications is 5pm, Wed., Nov. 17.

Vacancies include:

- Fullerton Arboretum Commission (1)
- Bicycle Users Subcommittee (4)
- Citizens' Infrastructure Review (4)
- Community Development (2)
- Energy and Resource Management (4)
- Investment Advisory (2)
- Library Board of Trustees (1)
- Fullerton Museum Center Board (1)
- Parks & Recreation (2)
- Planning Commission (2)
- Redevelopment Design Review (2)
- Technology Working Group (4)
- Transportation/Circulation (3)

All positions are volunteer with the exception of those on the Planning Commission and the Redevelopment Design Review Committee, whose members receive a small per-meeting stipend.

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