Big Doings on Development in Fountain Valley

REAL ESTATE: Olson plans residential, hotel, Yakult factory, HQ in works

By MARK MUELLER

The conversion of a former office property on Brookhurst Street into a residential community and hotel is the latest sign of development life in Fountain Valley.

An affiliate of Seal Beach-based homebuilder Olson Can recently closed on the purchase of a 3-acre site at the southwest corner of Brookhurst Street and Slater Avenue, located about a block east of the San Diego (5) Freeway.

Until recently, the parcel, located next to Fountain Valley Civic Center, held a 121,357-square-foot office building once occupied by Safeco Insurance.

The building has stood vacant for years, as it was worked with the city to get the property re-zoned for other uses.

Plans approved by the city earlier this year call for 27 single-family homes, 61 townhomes and a 127-room Hyatt Regency Hotel at the site, along with about 2,300 square feet of retail space.

An affiliate of Olson is one of the region’s more active urban-infill residential developers, it paid $316.5 million.

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IMS Nabs $100M Lufthansa Contract

TECHNOLOGY: 10-year deal for industry comer in Brea

IMS Co. in Brea has landed a deal with Deutsche Lufthansa AG to install and operate in-flight entertainment systems for the largest airline in Germany.

The $102 million contract is valued at about $100 million or more, according to sources with knowledge of the terms.

The deal could ultimately shake up an industry dominated by San Francisco-based Thales Avionics Inc.

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Faster, deal means new music.

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‘Made in USA’ Old Hat for These Local Brands

APPAREL: Some still had production here, others return

By SARH HAMANAKA

The “made in the U.S.” trend that’s bubbling up in various industries throughout the nation has yet to make its way away for manufacturers in Orange County apparel makers.

Three Data, a maker of high-end basics in

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EMR More Than Buzzword at UCI Medical Center

By VSA REED

Electronic medical records have become a buzzword of the healthcare industry, but how are they improving services and saving costs?

Less attention has been paid to another aspect of EMR, which is shaping up to be a keystone in a new culture at hospitals.

The switch-over from paper files means that doctors and other personnel must adapt their medical training and continue in new technology.

JWC’s Dirty Work Firmly Tied to OC

By JANE YU

JWC Environmental LLC makes Matters in Santa Ana

The green creatures are built for a dirty job.

They live in water treatment facilities and pump stations, where they filter out solid waste from water. Then they chew up the solids to prevent clogging, turning them into mini-material for landfill.

JWC has headquarters in Costa Mesa, and designs and manufactures the machines at its Santa Ana plant. It also has factories in the affordable range.

Jordan and Rossi told me they never want to leave this place, a dream come true of the highest quality. Edwards, they say, encourages them to tap the pinnacle of their abilities in the creation of the food, the matching of wines with the dishes and the overall experience delivered to customers.

Upon being seated we’ve been regaled with a variety of freshly baked breads and even steaming-hot popovers. On a current seasonal menu we found a gazpacho that was

Almost as much as the sticky spare ribs sharing a plate. Ditto on the lentils served with the confit of duck. Barramundi was on a recent menu, too, offering genteel taste extending to the fresh artichoke and fire-roasted tomatoes.

I haven’t even gotten to the steaks in my visit, but I certainly vouch for the fish and chips. Savory sides include Italian butter beans in a tomato-oilive oil stew, lobster mac ‘n’ cheese, creamed corn and fresh vegetables.

The Salsa Three dress their space in tavern décor with a 40-foot stage and big dance floor. There’s a menu of more casual food, and patrons can also order from the full dining menu.

The dress code: no flip-flops or backward baseball caps, please.

The Ranch offers dinner only, and both restaurant and saloon open at 5:30 p.m.

Contact is $15.

The Ranch & Saloon: 1025 E. Ball Road, Anaheim, (714) 817-4200.