



BEGIN WORK . . . Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (at right) joins officials from Torrance and Carson to begin work on a gymnasium at the county's newest regional park, located in the city of Carson. On hand for the Victoria Park ceremonies were (from left) Councilman Dollarhide of Compton, Councilman Harvey L. Chapman of Gardena; Torrance Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem, and Carson mayor John Junk.

Work on Human Relations Group Gymnasium Hears UMAS Speaker Under Way

Construction has been started for the Victoria County Park gymnasium to provide greater recreation for the entire South Los Angeles County area, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Victoria Park is at 19101 S. Towne Ave., Carson.

"The center is expected to be opened to the public early next spring," Hahn said.

Planned in the center are athletic and community recreation facilities. The building will consist of two wings, which will adjoin an enclosed patio area.

"A BASKETBALL court with built-in bleachers for 300 spectators, an office and boys' and girls' locker rooms will be housed in one wing," Hahn said.

"Contained in the second wing will be a multi-purpose crafts, activity, and meeting room, a kitchen, service areas, washrooms, and storage facilities."

Joining in ceremonies marking start of construction were Mayor John Junk, Mayor Pro Tem H. Rick Clark, Fred Bien, city administrator; Councilmen John A. Marbut and Gilbert Smith; and Howard Homan, director of parks, all of Carson.

Councilman Donald E. Wilson and Director of Parks Harry VanBellehem of Torrance also were on hand, along with Councilman Harvey L. Chapman of Gardena.

Fernando Hernandez, administrative assistant to the Long Beach State College President for United Mexican American Students, was the guest speaker at the June meeting of the Harbor Human Relations Council. He spoke on behalf of the UMAS Chapter of Long Beach State. He outlined the program UMAS, which he stated is only two years old.

The 40 chapters of UMAS are formed at the colleges and high schools throughout the state of California. The members of UMAS recruit Mexican-American students and guide them through registration and adjustment to college.

Hernandez said the Long Beach Chapter has recruited 100 Mexican-American students and only two have dropped out. Hernandez asked for community support in helping to establish a UMAS chapter at Banning High School and other schools in the area. The telephone number is 433-0951 extension 572 for anyone interested in asking for a speaker for their organization.

The organization has a standing speakers bureau and anyone wishing to know more about the UMAS program may do so by contacting the office on Long Beach campus.

Hernandez stressed the fact that UMAS has a non-violent program. However, he said, "we will engage in 'informational picketing'."

Ed Fimbres spoke briefly of the work of the Harbor area education and scholarship committee. A cocktail fund-raising event is scheduled for Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, at 26728 Rolling Vista Dr., Lomita.



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Taxpayers Ask IRS

Early Filing Means You Will Get Early Refund

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I received a reminder notice on my estimated tax instead of a bill. How much should I pay?

Figure your second installment payment using the estimated tax worksheet you received in February as part of your estimated tax package. Be sure to make your payment using preaddressed Voucher 2. The filled-out voucher should accompany your payment to assure proper crediting to your account.

A schedule on the worksheet can be used for adjusting your estimated tax if there have been changes in your tax situation.

It only took my neighbor four weeks to get his refund but mine hasn't come and it's been over a month since I sent in my return. Why should my refund take longer to issue than his?

The date the return was filed has a lot to do with how long it takes to issue a refund. Returns filed early can be processed and the check issued much more quickly than returns received just before the April 15 deadline.

Unless you made a mistake on your return you should be

receiving your refund check within the next few weeks. However, if the refund, or a letter about it, doesn't come within ten weeks from the time you filed, write the Internal Revenue Service Center where you filed. Give your name, address, social security number and the date you filed to help them trace it.

I lined the property around my home with rose bushes. Can I deduct the cost for tax purposes?

Landscaping expenses can be capitalized and added to the cost of your property. Normal maintenance costs of your shrubs and lawn, however, are not deductible.

Is there any difference between alimony and child support payments for tax purposes?

Alimony payments are deductible for the payer and are taxable income to the recipient. Child support payments are not deductible for the payer and are not taxable to the recipient.

I'm earning money not covered by withholding. Should I file an estimated tax return now or wait until next year?

If you expect your 1969 tax liability to exceed your withholding by \$40 or more you may have to file an estimated tax declaration. Forms and filing instructions are available from your local IRS office.

If you first meet the requirement for filing after April 1 and before June 2, the declaration should be filed by June 16.

Does an extension of time to file excuse a taxpayer of interest charges on late payments?

No, interest at the rate of 6 per cent a year must be added to taxes that are not paid by the filing deadline. However, no delinquent filing charge is added when the taxpayer has been granted an extension of time to file.

Can Form 1040X be used to correct a mistake on a 1040-A?

Yes, Form 1040X (Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return) should be used to correct mistakes made by taxpayers filing either Form 1040 or 1040-A.

Gas Tax Increased In State

California motorists began paying an extra one cent per gallon for their gasoline Sunday as a temporary tax increase went into effect.

The one-cent hike will remain in effect until Nov. 30 unless Gov. Ronald Reagan exercises his authority to end the tax at an earlier date.

The increase is designed to raise \$45 million for the repair of roads and other public property damaged or destroyed during last winter's flood and storms.

Total state tax on gasoline is now eight cents per gallon.

Sports Committee Slates Dance for Saturday Night

Normandale Sports Committee is sponsoring a "Get-Together" dance Saturday 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Retail Clerks Union, Bella Porte Street and Pacific Coast Highway, Harbor City.

Admission to the dance is \$1.

A two-night, three-day trip to Las Vegas plus \$50 for expenses is one of the many door prizes that will be given away. The committee works out of the Normandale Recreation Center, 22400 S. Halldale Ave.

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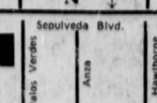
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