

Construction Week

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1st steel column set for Scripps expansion



Photo by Sandy Huffaker

Construction workers set and anchored the first structural steel column July 26 for the Critical Care Building at Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas.

Expected to be open for patient care by early summer 2014, the two-story facility will house 27 emergency department beds on the first floor and 43 medical-surgical beds on the second level.

The building is part of the hospital's \$94 million second phase of expansion, which will also include a new central energy plant and various infrastructure improvements. Topping out of the building's structural steel is expected in late August.

New parish center complete

By CARLOS RICO
The Daily Transcript

Construction is now complete on the new parish center at Ascension Catholic Church and is open to its congregation in Tierrasanta.

The church, founded in 1980, now has a 10,000-square-foot parish center with a large hall, seven meeting rooms, a kitchen, lobby, storage area and restrooms.

The \$3.5 million project also involved adding a pavilion, installing multiple courtyards, redesigning the church's entrance, improving the parking lot and adding new parking spaces, according to the Rev. Anthony Saroki, pastor of the church.

The building has a tile roof, plaster, light earth-tone brick and a wood trim. The structure also utilizes windows for natural ventilation, high-efficiency heating and air-conditioning units, multi-level lighting control stations and low water-use landscape.

Domusstudio Architecture designed the project, and Suffolk-Roel was in charge of construction.

Wayne Holtan, a principal of Domusstudio, said the firm used the new courtyards to link the existing building and the new structures.

"The parish now has a wonderful space for outdoor fellowship, as well as

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local level edged up 0.2 percent while spending at the federal level fell by 1.6 percent.

In a sign of a slight rebound in housing after a prolonged period of weakness following the boom years of the last decade, a closely watched index of home prices showed price gains in every major city in May versus April.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller home price index showed increases in all of the 20 cities tracked with the biggest monthly gains being posted by Chicago, Atlanta and San Francisco.

The housing recovery is still viewed as slow and uneven. Sales of new homes fell in June after hitting a two-year high in May.

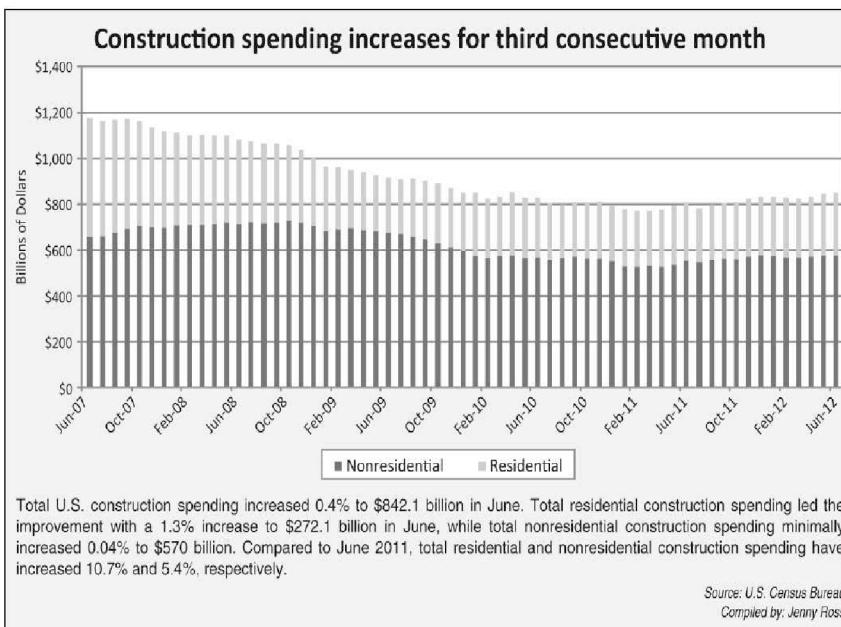
Sales of previously occupied homes also fell in June but activity was still higher than a year ago.

Builders are gaining confidence, partly because they are seeing more interest from potential buyers.

Builders started construction on the most new homes and apartments in four years in June.

Despite the modest gains in housing, the broader economy has weakened in recent months.

Employers have added an average of only 75,000 jobs a month in the April-



June quarter.

That is much lower than the average of 226,000 added in the first three months of this year.

Economic growth slowed to an annual rate of just 1.5 percent in the April-June quarter, the government reported last week.

That was even weaker than the 2 percent growth rate in the first three months of the year.

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Parish

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some smaller spaces for parishioners to meet and talk in small groups," Holtan added.

The expansion of the church was done because more space was needed for daily rituals, according to Saroki.

He said that there was always a plan to expand the church, which sits on a 5.19-acre lot at 11292 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., ever since it opened, and it is now possible because enough funding is available to start and complete the project.

Funding for this project is coming from a Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego loan and from the sale of a home on La Cuenta Drive for \$500,000 by the Diocese. The Roman Catholic Diocese had owned the property since 1980, when it purchased the home for \$138,000.

Also among Ascension Catholic Church's needs was a new identity tower, which Domusstudio incorporated into the master plan.

The church plans to incorporate a new tower to identify the church and provide a new entry into the existing building.

The church also plans to remodel the interior of the existing building and transform it into a more formal worship



Courtesy photo

The new parish center at Ascension Catholic Church, as part of a \$3.5 million project, was done because more space was needed for daily rituals, church officials said.

space.

Timing for these future improve-

ments has not yet been determined.

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spaces for student athletes on the fourth floor.

The Field House is designed by Gensler Architects and has architectural characteristics that reflect the Mayan theme of the existing campus.

This work is part of the first phase of construction from Proposition R.

Also part of this first phase is the construction of a 6,000-square-foot central plant that will provide high efficiency cooling and heating for new and existing campus buildings, as well as the installation of new synthetic turf for both DeVore Stadium and the football practice fields. The new turf will provide low water-use and low maintenance playing surfaces. This work is also being led by Balfour Beatty.

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