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AGENDA REPORT

BEACHES, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Date: June 13, 2023

Department: Beaches, Parks & Recreation
Prepared By: Samantha Wylie, Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director

Subject: *REQUEST TO RENAME VISTA HERMOSA SPORTS PARK*

Fiscal Impact: None.

Summary: Staff recommends that the Commission consider all options regarding a request to rename Vista Hermosa Sports Park.

Background: At its April 4, 2023 meeting, the City Council requested the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission consider a request to rename Vista Hermosa Sports Park in memory of fallen Los Angeles County Firefighter Jonathan Flagler, noting the Commission should consider all options for renaming including corporate partnerships.

Jonathan Flagler was a member of the Los Angeles County Fire Department who passed away in the line of duty on January 6, 2022, fighting a structure fire in Rancho Palos Verdes. He was a San Clemente resident, residing in the Talega area. The family of the late firefighter purchased a memorial bench in his honor through the C.A.R.E. program that was dedicated on January 6, 2023. The bench is located at the Vista Hermosa Sports Park at the football field. The Flagler family has provided a letter to the Commission that is enclosed in Attachment 1.

Discussion: The City owns, operates, and maintains 26 park sites within the city boundary. Out of these sites, eight parks or park amenities are named after an individual or entity. This list includes (1) Baron Von Willard Dog Park; (2) Courtney's SandCastle Playground; (3) Jim Johnson Memorial Sports Park; (4) Leslie Park; (5) Max Berg Plaza Park; (6) Ralphs Skate Court; (7) Richard T. Steed Memorial Park; and (8) Arlie Waterman Field at Vista Bahia Park.

While the City does not have an adopted Policy & Procedure for the naming of parks, the Council has been guided by a procedure established by the Commission and reviewed by the City Council from February 1987. (Attachment 2). This procedure has been utilized as the guiding document for naming new parks in San Clemente. It reasons that the criteria for new park names may be most appropriate to consider but not limited to historical figures, national and/or military heroes, living or deceased individuals who made significant contributions to the community, local geographic locations, neighborhoods, prominent landmarks, appropriate Spanish designations, and/or proximity by schools.

Naming of Vista Hermosa Sports Park

In 2007, the City entered into a fundraising agreement with the Friends of the San Clemente Beaches, Parks & Recreation Foundation (“Friends”) to raise funds for the development and future maintenance of the then-titled “La Pata/Vista Hermosa Sports & Aquatics Center”. The Friends pursued funding for all amenities within the complex, including the aquatic center (valued at \$1.25 million), baseball hub (valued at \$950,000), soccer hub (valued at \$1.39 million), football hub (valued at \$585,000), the trail (valued at \$50,000), and various other park amenities including drinking fountains, pavers, signs, and benches (valued at \$243,000). The Friends were successful in securing \$318,000 of sponsorship monies from local civic organizations, youth sports groups, private donations, and local businesses.

The Friends were unable to secure corporate or private sponsorship for the entirety of the park, therefore the City sought public input on a name for the sports park complex and new pool facility, per the naming procedure summarized above. A list of 150 names was compiled and reviewed by the Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission. The comprehensive list is included in Attachment 3.

At its December 13, 2011 meeting, the Commission agreed to support three names and forward a recommendation to Council as follows for the larger park venue: San Clemente Sports Center, San Clemente Sports Park, or Vista Hermosa Sports Park; it recommended taking no action at that time to name the aquatics pool area.

On January 3, 2012, the City Council reviewed a staff report to consider naming options for the new “La Pata/Vista Hermosa Sports & Aquatics Center” (Attachment 2). The Council (5-0) approved naming “Vista Hermosa Sports Park” for the sports complex and “San Clemente Aquatics Center” for the pool area. These names were selected based on the geographical location of the park.

In early spring 2012, the City received a request from the family of late San Clemente resident John Springman to name the baseball field complex at the Vista Hermosa Sports Park for John Springman. Mr. Springman was a long-time resident with a long history of community sports involvement. At the time of consideration, the Commission opined that it was best to allow the Friends Foundation the opportunity to solicit naming rights to generate revenue; therefore the Commission recommended Council deny the request from the Springman family. Subsequently, the Council supported the Commission’s recommendation to deny the request to name the baseball fields for Mr. Springman.

Additional naming rights were granted under the following circumstances for the named park sites:

1. Sgt. Baron Von Willard Dog Park: Named in 2005; Baron was San Clemente’s first K-9 police officer who responded to over 800 calls for service.
2. Courtney’s SandCastle Playground: Named for Courtney Faye Smith who inspired the playground’s universally accessible design to allow children of all abilities the opportunity to play on a playground. Her inspiration was

encouragement for dozens of individuals and civic organizations to support the funding of the two-phase park development, including the playground and the sensory garden.

3. Jim Johnson Memorial Sports Park: Approved in 2007 prior to the park opening and as part of the naming of the Sea Summit park system. Mr. Johnson was a San Clemente resident and philanthropist who was instrumental in the development of the Marblehead Coastal project for several decades. The Commission and Council reviewed a list of 39 park names, per the new park naming procedure, submitted by members of the public and the developer of the Marblehead Coastal project.
4. Leslie Park: Named for the individual who originally owned the parcel of land, Dr. E.I. Leslie, and who eventually deeded it to the City in 1968.
5. Max Berg Plaza Park: Originally named "Plaza Park", the Council approved renaming the park "Max Berg Plaza Park" in 1985 in honor of Max Berg, a San Clemente resident and San Clemente City Clerk who retired in 1985.
6. Ralphs Skate Court: Naming rights approved for Ralphs Grocery in recognition of its donation of \$100,000 towards the development of the skate court plaza.
7. Richard T. Steed Memorial Park: Officially memorialized in 1987; Richard Steed was a police officer with the San Clemente Police Department who was killed in the line of duty on El Camino Real while responding to a call. Steed is the only officer who has been killed in the line of duty while working in the City of San Clemente. While the Park and Recreation Commission originally recommended renaming the ballfield at Bonito Canyon Park after Officer Steed, the Council approved naming one of the new parks in honor of him. In the early 1980's the Council approved naming the new softball complex off of La Pata after Officer Steed.
8. Arlie Waterman Field at Vista Bahia Park: Approved in 1994; Mr. Arlie Waterman was a 47-year San Clemente resident and retired Parks and Recreation Superintendent for the City. He led the Parks and Recreation Department for 22 years through the 1960s and 70s. He was instrumental in the development of many San Clemente parks and was also one of the founders of the San Clemente Little League

Staff recommends the Commission consider the following options in providing a recommendation to the City Council:

1. Rename the Vista Hermosa Sports Park in memory of fallen Los Angeles County Firefighter Jonathan Flagler.
2. Name a field or other amenity at a park in memory of fallen Los Angeles County Firefighter Jonathan Flagler.
3. Consider naming an alternate park site in memory of fallen Los Angeles County Firefighter Jonathan Flagler.
4. Direct the Sponsorships and Donations Subcommittee to further pursue the sponsorships and naming rights opportunities available at Vista Hermosa Sports Park in collaboration with the Friends of the San Clemente Beaches, Parks & Recreation Foundation.

5. Consider naming a “Heroes Park” or “First Responders” park to honor fallen members of the San Clemente community, including Los Angeles County Firefighter Jonathan Flagler.
6. Take no action on renaming the Vista Hermosa Sports Park.

Recommended

Action: STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT the Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding the naming of Vista Hermosa Sports Park.

Attachments:

1. Flagler Family Letter
2. Park Naming Policy
3. Staff report regarding naming of Vista Hermosa Sports Park
4. Staff report regarding request to rename Vista Hermosa Baseball Fields

Notification: Friends of the San Clemente Beaches, Parks & Recreation Foundation

May 12, 2023

Parks & Recreation Committee

Ladies & Gentlemen:

I'm sure that you have heard a lot of rumors on the untimely death of my son-in-law Jon Flager. I am supplying you with a Los Angeles Times article describing what happened that tragic night. We are not trying to lay blame on anybody, in fact the new Fire Chief Tony Maronie and Chaplain Vince Roldan have greatly supported us through this tragedy to this day. Chief Maronie is dedicated to train all personnel, so this does not happen again. Chaplain Vince Roldan has become a part of our family. Our goal in renaming the sports park to the Jon Flager sports park is two-fold. One is to remember a great father and husband who was part of and loved this community for over 17 years. He was very engaged in his sons sports teams and they played on almost every field within this complex. Secondly, this is for the community to honor our First Responders. Also, to remind our First Responders how valuable they are to us.

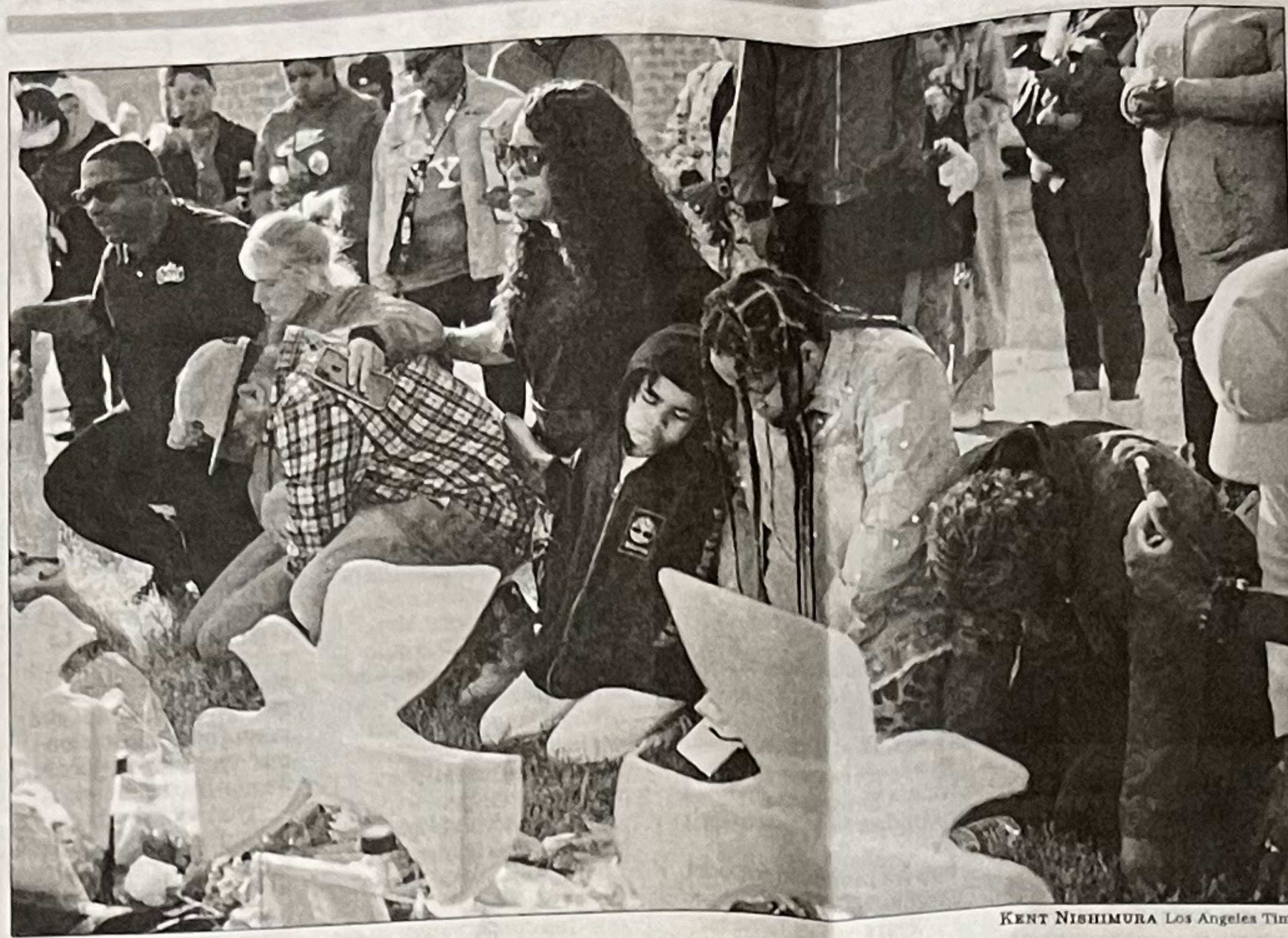
We thank the Parks & Recreation Committee for considering our request.

Should you have any questions at all, please contact me at

Sincerely,

Dwight Johnson

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KENT NISHIMURA Los Angeles Times

A TOLL ON OTHERS' MENTAL HEALTH

People attend a memorial Thursday in Buffalo for the shooting victims, most of whom were Black. For columnist Sandy Banks, a lifelong question resurfaces: Why do they hate us so much? **CALIFORNIA, B1**

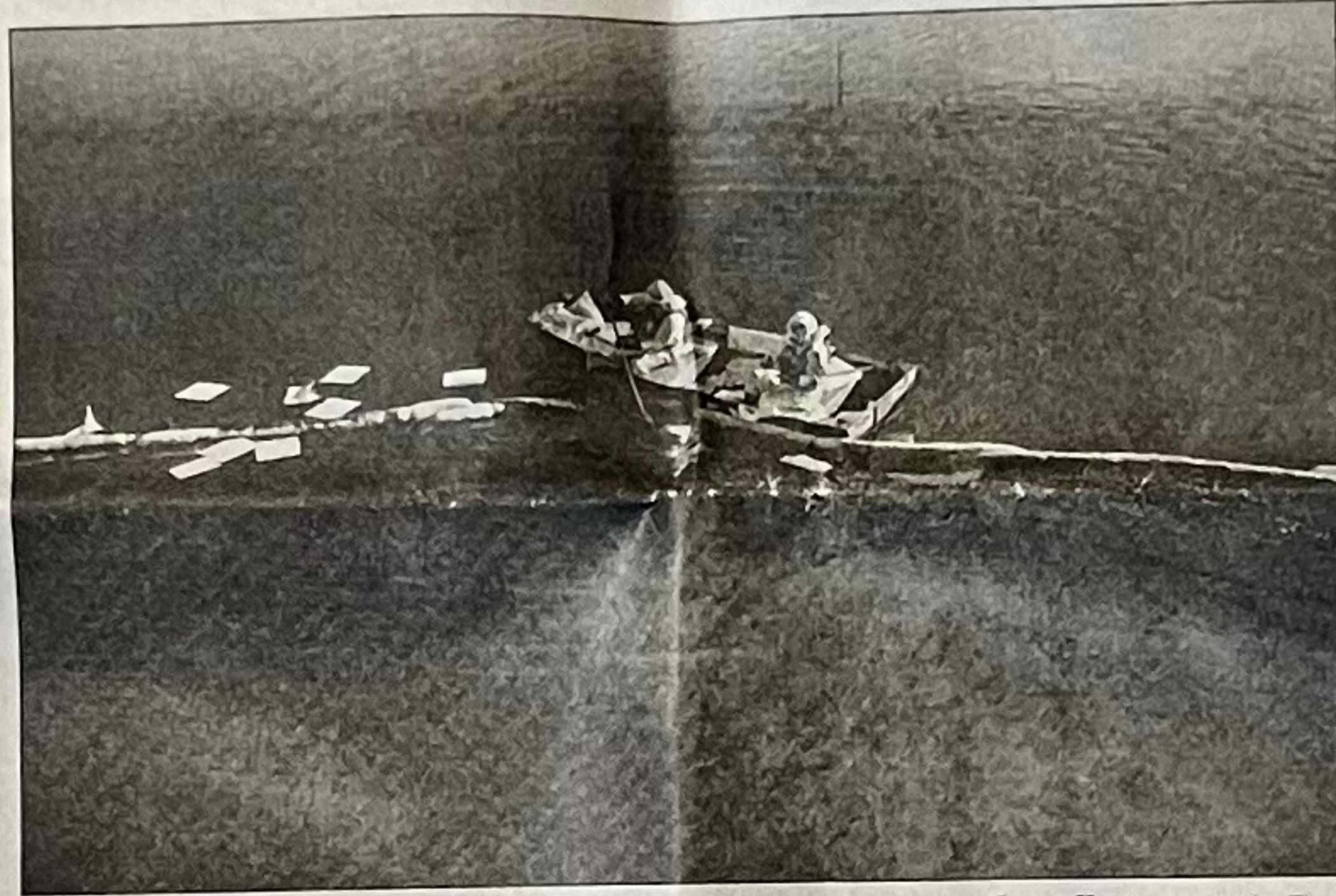
California legislators kill plans to close offshore O.C. oil rigs

Senate bill would have allowed panel to terminate leases by the end of 2024.

BY PHIL WILSON

SACRAMENTO — Facing fierce opposition from California's powerful oil industry and trade unions, legislation to close down operations on three offshore oil rigs off the Orange County coast failed Thursday to win passage in a state Senate committee, seven months after a major spill fouled the beaches and wetlands around Huntington Beach.

Senate Bill 953 would have allowed the State Lands Commission to terminate offshore oil leases by the end of 2024. [See Drilling, A7]



IRFAN KHAN Los Angeles Times

A CREW from Patriot Environmental Services cleans up after an oil spill off Huntington Beach in October dumped an estimated 25,000 gallons into the ocean.

'Do you have any formula to spare?'

Amid U.S. shortage, lactating California moms donate another option: Breast milk.

BY SONJA SHARP

For Diana Granados, 29, the quest began with a call-out on a popular Instagram page for new parents.

"Do you have any formula to spare?" Granados didn't. But as she thought of the ongoing

national formula shortage, and of babies like her 6-month-old son, Raul, going hungry, she wanted to offer what she could.

"Hello, I have breast milk to donate," the Baldwin Park mom wrote in the comments. Within minutes, requests were flooding in.

"They wanted to give me explanations of why they needed the milk," Granados said. "I was like, 'I don't even need to know that! I just want to give it to you.'"

Granados is one of thousands of lactating parents

from across California who have poured in to help with the emergency. As their neighbors scramble to find formula, some nursing parents are looking to their own bodies as a source of help.

"The number of donors we're seeing has significantly increased this past week," said Jonathan Bautista, executive director of the nonprofit Mothers' Milk Bank of San Jose, the oldest human-milk bank in the country.

The state's other nonprofit bank, the University of

California Health Milk Bank in San Diego, has seen a similar surge.

"We've had a fivefold increase in inquiries for donating in just the last six days," Dr. Lisa Stellwagen, the bank's executive director and a professor of pediatrics at UC San Diego, said Tuesday. "It's been this huge outpouring."

For millions of families, the formula shortage was already acute in April. But the crisis exploded into the public consciousness last week. [See Shortage, A6]

Ukrainian troops seized by Russia

Fate of 1,700 Mariupol defenders is unknown. U.S. Senate approves \$40-billion aid package for Kyiv.

BY PATRICK J. McDONNELL, JAWED KALEEM AND TRACY WILKINSON

KYIV, Ukraine — Their fates unknown, more than 1,700 Ukrainian fighters were in Russian custody Thursday after they surrendered in the conquered city of Mariupol, Moscow said, even as Ukraine claimed battlefield gains elsewhere and heard a repentant confession from a Russian soldier in the country's first war crimes trial.

Meanwhile, in Washington, the Senate gave final congressional approval to another massive package of aid for Ukraine. The \$40-billion allotment includes weapons and humanitarian assistance. Heavy weaponry supplied by the U.S. and allies have made a significant difference in Ukraine's underdog fight against its larger neighbor.

The Ukrainian soldiers who had defended the besieged Azovstal steel plant in Mariupol were taken to a pretrial detention center, Russian officials said. An undisclosed number of commanders remained inside the sprawling steelworks, which has become a symbol of resistance in the protracted war. The plant was Ukraine's last redoubt in the devastated port city, whose

capture has given Russia a key territorial gain along the southern coast.

The International Red Cross said it had logged information on "hundreds" of Ukrainian prisoners of war from the Azovstal facility. The humanitarian group said its effort was part of an agreement between Ukraine and Russia that began when Ukraine gave up its fight at the plant Tuesday.

Other international groups expressed concern over what might happen to the prisoners, some of whom Russian officials have branded as "Nazis." The fighters "must not be subjected to any form of torture or ill-treatment," Amnesty International said.

The Ukrainian government has kept silent on the number of its fighters who have handed themselves over to Russian forces or who still remain inside the network of underground tunnels.

"The state is making utmost efforts to carry out the rescue of our service personnel," said Oleksandr Motuzaynik, a Ukrainian military spokesman. "Any information to the public could endanger that process."

The \$40-billion U.S. aid package — the second multi-billion-dollar contribution this year — won rare bipartisan support in Congress, although 11 Republicans voted against it. Most are allies of former President Trump. Senate Majority Leader Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) lamented their position and accused them of following Trump's "soft-on-Russia" policy. [See Ukraine, A4]

Wealth hasn't always paid off

L.A. is known for glitz, but its voters tend to pick leaders from the ranks of government.

BY JESSICA GARRISON AND ALEJANDRA REYES-VELARDE

Joe Russell, a Hollywood producer who has worked on spots for billionaires seeking political office, was on a date with his wife at the Grove on a recent afternoon when he took a break to talk about the suddenly relevant phenomenon of L.A. billionaires seeking public office.

The Grove was developed by Rick Caruso, a real estate developer who seeks

to trounce a field of experienced elected officials to become Los Angeles' next mayor. He has spent millions of his own money to get his name out, and his run comes as many feel that homelessness and rising crime are overwhelming the city, at least partly because of poverty and gross inequality.

Russell, whose political credentials include campaigns for Tom Steyer, a billionaire who ran for California governor in 2018, and Michael R. Bloomberg, a billionaire who served as New York's mayor and ran for president in 2020, said he could well understand why Caruso would run.

"If you're the top in business, you might think, maybe I'll get into politics," he said. But the producer, who said he is undecided in the race, added that it was "a great [open] question" whether business success translates to being an effective political leader — and whether Caruso has the empathy to embrace the problems of Los Angeles' residents.

"It's really about who he is and not about what he's done."

Caruso's malls — the Grove, the Americana at Brand, Palisades Village — are famous for providing the illusion of quaint city streets, but a sparklingly clean and sanitized version, without any of the problems of actual cities. If Caruso manages to become mayor, he will step into the top job at a time when the gap between the realities of Los Angeles' streets and the fantasy streetscapes of places like the Grove has never felt wider to many residents. [See Mayoral race, A9]

Mistakes led to 'a firefighter down'

Report details chain of events that left him alone, out of air

BY BRITNY MEJIA

The firefighter lay unconscious in the frontyard of the burning home. His crew pulled off his soot-covered equipment and started CPR, pumping down hard with their hands on his chest, over and over again.

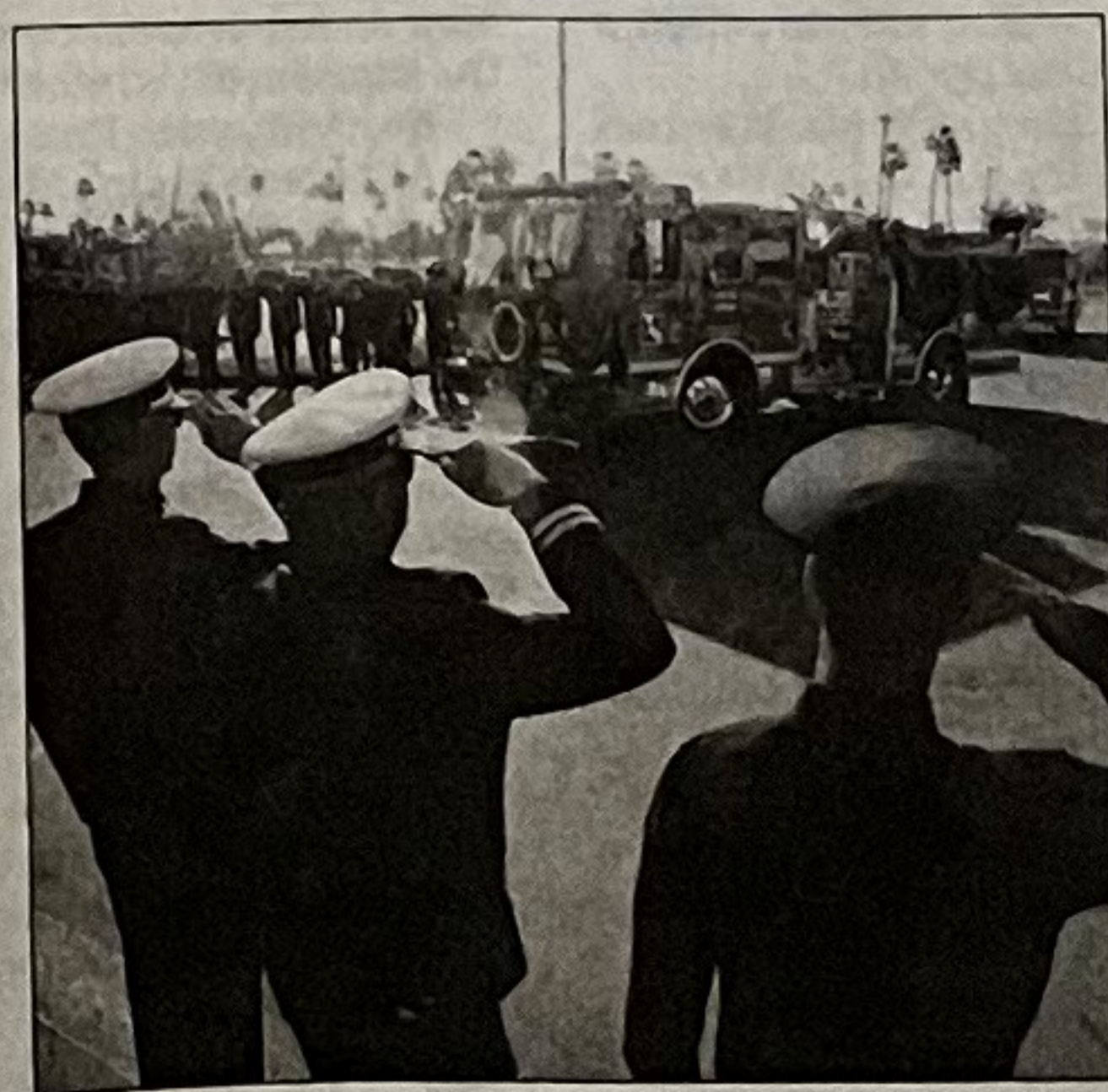
The ambulance was more than five minutes away.

From across Tarapaca Road in Rancho Palos Verdes, Tim Racisz watched as flames devoured his home. A

neighbor counted the chest compressions — hundreds it seemed — being performed on the fallen firefighter.

"This is hopeless," the neighbor, a doctor, told Racisz as smoke billowed. "You can't give somebody that many compressions without just destroying them. They're not going to come back."

Jonathan Flagler, a 21-year veteran firefighter, never came back. The coroner later found that the father of two had suffocated. The [See Firefighter, A12]



LUIS SINCO Los Angeles Times

A FIRE engine carries the remains of L.A. County fireman Jonathan Flagler to a service.

Angel Stadium deal in limbo after allegations

FBI corruption probe in Anaheim complicates agreement, with few potential wins for taxpayers and no clear path forward if it's canceled. **SPORTS, B10**

Increase in L.A. COVID patients

Public health officials stress caution as hospitalizations grow along with virus case counts. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Weather

Low clouds. L.A. Basin: 69/58. **B6**



ACTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

FEBRUARY 10, 1987

SCANNED

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of San Clemente was called to order by Chairperson Wohlfarth at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center in the Ole Hanson Room, on Tuesday, February 10, 1987.

Addressed to: San Clemente City Council

Re: Procedure for Naming Parks

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the recommendation regarding a procedure for naming new parks in San Clemente.

Following discussion, IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER YEILDING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES, THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING PARK NAMING PROCEDURES:

THE PROCEDURE FOR NAMING NEW PARKS IN THE CITY SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. The submittal of recommended park names for consideration to be received in writing, accompanied by a statement summarizing the justification, to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

B. The Parks and Recreation Commission review of the new park name submittals at a scheduled Commission meeting for the purpose of establishing a formal Commission recommendation to the City Council.

C. City Council action on the final decision to name a new park from the full list of submittals received from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

D. The criteria for park names which may be most appropriate would include but not be limited to historical figures, national and/or military heroes, living or deceased individuals who made significant contributions to the community, local geographic locations, neighborhoods, prominent landmarks, appropriate Spanish language designations, and/or close by schools.

COMMISSIONERS DOHERTY, WOHLFARTH, AND YEILDING VOTED YES; COMMISSIONER MITCHELL VOTED NO. THE ACTION WAS APPROVED (3-1-0).

Parks & Recreation Manager

Chairperson and Commissioner of the
Parks and Recreation Commission

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9. NEW BUSINESS

A. La Pata/Vista Hermosa Sports Park and Aquatics Center Naming

Report from the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director concerning the naming of the new sports park and aquatics center.

Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director Heider reviewed the contents of the Administrative Report and responded to Council inquiries.

Following discussion, MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DONCHAK, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM BROWN, CARRIED 3-2 (COUNCILMEMBER BAKER AND MAYOR EVERT VOTING NOE), to approve the name "Vista Hermosa Sports Park" for the new sports complex.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DONCHAK to approve the name "Vista Club" for the aquatics pool area. **The motion died for lack of a second.**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BAKER, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER DAHL, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the name "San Clemente Aquatics Center" for the aquatics pool area.



AGENDA REPORT
SAN CLEMENTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Date: January 3, 2012

Agenda Item 9A
Approvals: [Signature]
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Department: Beaches, Parks and Recreation
Prepared By: Sharon Heider, Beaches Parks & Rec Director

Subject: NAMING NEW SPORTS PARK.

Summary: The new park is scheduled to open in late January 2012. The working title for the park has been La Pata Vista Hermosa Park since its location was on the corner of Avenida La Pata and Vista Hermosa. Its street address is 987 Avenida Vista Hermosa.

In February 1987, the then-named Parks and Recreation Commission made a recommendation to City Council on a procedure for naming new parks. Since that time, the City has used the procedure for naming new parks. The Commission action is attached.

On November 16, 2010, residents were made aware, through press releases and the city's website, that the city was seeking a name for the new park. The result was submittal of approximately 150 names received by drop box, e-mail and the U.S. Postal Service. The list of names submitted by the public is attached.

In 2011, the City signed an agreement with a local advertising and marketing firm that offered to seek corporate sponsorship for naming rights. As of this date, no offers for sponsorship have been received.

Of the approximate 150 names submitted, staff suggests the name that identifies its location and what is primarily offered in the park, "Vista Hermosa Sports Park." The name was selected as it seemed to best meet the intent of the existing naming procedure as it would identify location, what is primarily offered in this multi-faceted complex, and the name, Vista Hermosa, translated from Spanish to English, means beautiful view. In addition, there is an exit for Vista Hermosa on the north and southbound I-5 Freeway. This simplifies locating the park for anyone who has never been to this destination:

A way to reference the new pool is also needed. The Ole Hanson Beach Club, typically referred to as, the "Beach Club," will now have a sister location. If the park is named "Vista Hermosa Sports Park," an easy and seemingly appropriate title for the new pool would be the "Vista Club." This name is selected as the Beach Club relates to the geographic location of the pool, and Vista Club would also relate to the geographic location as it is located in the hills that provide a vista or view. This name will be useful in identifying at what location the various activities will take place, and guests will be directed to either the Beach Club or the Vista Club.

The Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission discussed this topic at its December 13, 2011 meeting. The Commission discussed other names that would be appropriate for the park. Subsequently, they agreed and made a motion to submit three names for Council consideration and to not take action at this time to name the aquatics pool area.

**Recommended
Action:**

THE BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDS That City Council consider and approve one of three names for the new park as follows: San Clemente Sports Center, San Clemente Sports Park, or Vista Hermosa Sports Park.

STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT the City Council (1) approve the name "Vista Hermosa Sports Park" for the new sports complex, and, (2) approve the name "Vista Club" for the new pool.

Fiscal Impact: None

Attachments: 2/1/87 Parks and Recreation Commission Action
List of names submitted for the Park

Notification: None

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COMMISSIONERS DOHERTY, WOHLFARTH, AND YEILDING VOTED YES; COMMISSIONER MITCHELL VOTED NO. THE ACTION WAS APPROVED (3-1-0).

Parks & Recreation Manager

Chairperson and Commissioner of the
Parks and Recreation Commission

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LPVH Park Names

Names Submitted	Votes
Aloe Vista park	1
Amusement 4 Health	1
Au Parc de la Madeleine	1
Beautiful (Hermosa Duck (Pata) Community Park	1
Bill Thomas Park	2
Campo de los Suenos	1
CASA (Center for Aquatics Sports & Abilities) Hermosa	1
Central Acuatico (Olympic Aquatic Center)	1
Clemente Park	1
Clemente Regional Park	1
Coopers Park	1
Del Verde Park	1
Dick Hazard Aquatics Center	1
Duck Sack Park	1
Ella Yvonne Memorial Sports Park	1
Family Legacy Sports Park	1
FitForLifEternity	1
Forever Fitness Park	1
Frantic Fanciy	1
Heritage Park & Aquatics Center	1
Hermosa dia Park (Beautiful Days Park)	1
Hermosa Park (or Parque Hermosa)	2
Hermosa Sports Center	1
Hidalgo Sports Park	1
Hillside Park	2
I Can Park	1
Integrity Park	1
James Madison Park	1
Jeff Fors	1
John Springman Sports Park	12
La Hermosa Pata Sports Park	1
La Pata Park	1
La Patamosa	1
La Vista Park	1
Madison Park	1
Mar Hermosa	1
Mountain View Park	1
Myrna Erway Park	1
Neptune Sports Park and Aquatic Center	1
Nixon Park	2
Olas Sports Park	1
Ole Hanson Sports Park	7
Ole's Oasis	1
Ole's Dream	1

LPVH Park Names

Palms Park	1
Palms Sports Park and Club	1
Paradise Park	1
Park City	1
Park of Freedom	1
Parque de la Felicidad (Park of Happiness)	1
Parque de La Vista	1
Parque Del Sol (Park of the Sun)	1
Pata Hermosa	1
Pendleton Park	1
Poiseidon Sport Park and Aquatic Center	1
Rainbow Park	11
Richard M. Nixon Memorial Park	2
Sack (Talega) of Beautiful (Hermosa) Ducks (Pata)	1
San Clemente All-Star Sports Complex	1
San Clemente Aqua Plex	1
San Clemente Aquatics & Leisure Environment (SCALE)	1
San Clemente Aquatics Center	1
San Clemente Athletic Facility or SCAF	2
San Clemente Central Park	2
San Clemente Coastal Sports Center	1
San Clemente Community Park	1
San Clemente Regional Park	1
San Clemente Sports and Aquatics Complex	1
San Clemente Sports Complex	1
San Clemente Sports Park	3
San Clemente Sports Park and Aquatic Center	1
San Clemente United Leisure & Pool Training (SCULPT)	1
San Clemente Unity Park	1
San Clemente Vista Park	1
San Sebastian Park	1
SC Athletic Training Center	1
SC Sports Center	1
Seapoint Sports Park and Club	1
Schroeder Park	1
Seaview Park	1
Skyline	1
SPAC	1
SPARC (Sports Park And Recreation Center)	1
Splash and Dash Park	1
Sports Complex	3
Sports Park	3
Springman Family Park	1
Springman Park	1
Springman Sports Park	1
Talega Gateway Sports Park	1
Talega Sports Park	2

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LPVH Park Names

The Gwen Marlene Sports Park	1
The Park of Purity	1
The Pretty Park	1
The Rocket Park	1
The Sports Complex in San Clemente	1
USMC Aquatics Park	1
Veterans Memorial Park	2
VHSC (Vista Hermosa Sports Center)	1
Vista Colinas	1
Vista Hermosa Sports Park and Aquatics Center	3
Vista Hermosa Sports and Aquatic Center	1
Vista Hermosa Sports and Aquatics Park	1
Vista Hermosa Sports Park	2
Vista Talega	1
Viva el Amor Park (Long Live Love Park)	1
Vizcaino Park	1
Western White House Park	1
Westons Park	1
Zorera	1
Zorera Fitness Club	1

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6. CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

H. Vista Hermosa Sports Park - Request to Name Baseball Fields for John Springman

Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director Heider reviewed the contents of the Administrative Report.

Kurt Conone, San Clemente, spoke in support of naming the baseball fields at Vista Hermosa Sports Park for John Springman and Susan Enquist.

Following discussion, Council 1) requested that Staff and the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission consider ways to memorialize important sports figures in the community and report back to Council within one year, and 2) directed Staff to report back to Council in 12-18 months on the progress of the Vista Hermosa Sports Park naming rights fund raising effort.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DONCHAK, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER DAHL, CARRIED 5-0, to deny the request to name the baseball fields at Vista Hermosa Sports Park for John Springman.



Agenda Item 6H
 Approvals: _____
 City Manager [Signature]
 Dept. Head [Signature]
 Attorney _____
 Finance _____

AGENDA REPORT
SAN CLEMENTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 Meeting Date: February 7, 2012

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Prepared By: Sharon Heider, Beaches Parks & Rec Director

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Fiscal Impact: None

Attachments: 2/1/87 Parks and Recreation Commission Action
Letter of Request
Emails of support

Notification: John Springman Jr.
Friends of Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation

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 City Manager [Signature]
 Dept. Head [Signature]
 Attorney _____
 Finance _____

AGENDA REPORT
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ACTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

FEBRUARY 10, 1987

SCANNED

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of San Clemente was called to order by Chairperson Wohlfarth at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center in the Ole Hanson Room, on Tuesday, February 10, 1987.

Addressed to: San Clemente City Council

Re: Procedure for Naming Parks

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the recommendation regarding a procedure for naming new parks in San Clemente.

Following discussion, IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER YEILDING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES, THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING PARK NAMING PROCEDURES:

THE PROCEDURE FOR NAMING NEW PARKS IN THE CITY SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. The submittal of recommended park names for consideration to be received in writing, accompanied by a statement summarizing the justification, to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

B. The Parks and Recreation Commission review of the new park name submittals at a scheduled Commission meeting for the purpose of establishing a formal Commission recommendation to the City Council.

C. City Council action on the final decision to name a new park from the full list of submittals received from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

D. The criteria for park names which may be most appropriate would include but not be limited to historical figures, national and/or military heroes, living or deceased individuals who made significant contributions to the community, local geographic locations, neighborhoods, prominent landmarks, appropriate Spanish language designations, and/or close by schools.

COMMISSIONERS DOHERTY, WOHLFARTH, AND YEILDING VOTED YES; COMMISSIONER MITCHELL VOTED NO. THE ACTION WAS APPROVED (3-1-0).

Parks & Recreation Manager

Chairperson and Commissioner of the
Parks and Recreation Commission

END DOCUMENT

Mr. Tim Shaw,

My name is John Springman and I am responding to the naming of the new San Clemente Sports Complex. I am the oldest son of Mr. John Springman (now deceased); whom I believe is very deserving of your consideration in having this Sports Complex named in his honor! My younger brother Bill Springman (who has been in contact with you already) and I grew up in this town! My mother, Wanda Smith-Springman (now deceased) also grew up in this town, attending old Capo High School and our Grandfather, Joe Jeanes, was one of the original residents of San Clemente and knew Ole Hanson (founder of S.C.) very well. In fact, he took care of the landscaping at the Hanson Estate, which later was the "Western White House" during the Nixon Administration.

John Springman, an honorably discharged WWII Veteran, came to San Clemente in 1945, after arriving back from serving his country, (Islands of Saipan and Tarawa). Dad came north from San Diego Port Harbor and found a "little beach town" San Clemente and decided that this was the place he would settle down in and raise a family! Dad went to work in construction and received his General Contracting License from the State of California in 1949. He built many houses and commercial properties in San Clemente, as well as the Old San Clemente Inn and the Old City Yard complex, which had been the San Clemente Police Station and Jail in the early years.

Dad's passions were youth sports and sports in general. He was an All-State short-stop in Killeen, Texas and had been offered a full-ride scholarship opportunity to the University of Texas, when he enlisted in the Marines at the beginning of WWII. In the 1950's, Dad played Triple A fast pitch softball for a team made up of athletes from San Clemente, Capo Beach and Laguna Beach. They competed against the old Long Beach Nighthawks, who were one of the few teams to ever beat the nationally famous "King and his Court" 4-man softball team! Dad and Larry Vasquez (a well-known old San Clemente/Capo Beach plumbing contractor) started the first fast pitch softball league in San Clemente and the competitive nature of that league was legendary, witnessed by many of the youth of the 1950's and 60's. I was born in 1954 and my brother in 1956. In 1961 when the Little League was holding games at Concordia Elementary School on a make-shift diamond, Dad realized that to further youth sports and to get competitive with the rest of a growing Orange County, San Clemente needed

a new Little League field! Dad contacted Arlee Waterman, then Director of Public Works and Recreation for the City of San Clemente, to secure a new Little League field site. Once the donation of land was in place, Dad recruited other San Clemente residents from the early 60's, including: teachers Gene O'Brien and Bob Bowman, Honorable Judge Frank Domenichini, Laguna Federal Bank President Ralph Clausen, builder Lou Poncino, Pacific Bell Telephone's Rodger Limburg and Cecil Holman, of Holman's Trucking and Grading. Together they built this beautiful stadium on donated services and materials. The Vista Bahia Stadium was ready by the 1962 season and it changed San Clemente Little League and its youth to this day! In 1966, Vista Bahia Stadium was ranked in the top five Little League parks and hailed as "the prettiest Little League complex in the state of California".

From 1962 to 1968, Dad coached the Little League Optimist Club for seven years enjoying four League Championships and four stints as San Clemente All-star coach. Our 1966 all-star team won the Area Championship and the District Championship but we lost in the final of the Bi-District to Ocean View LL. That was the farthest San Clemente LL had gone in the playoffs up till that time. In addition to baseball, Dad coached Pop Warner youth football (ages 11-13) from 1965-1969 covering the PeeWee division (ages 11-12) and the Midget division (age 13)! Our 1966 PeeWee football team won the Southern California title over Santa Ana Antelopes and the popular Chili Bowl over the Pomona Bruins. Dad and Bob Bowman started the Chili Bowl so San Clemente youth had the chance to play in a bowl game. Dad went on to coach San Clemente Babe Ruth League (ages 13-15) and enjoyed many success as San Clemente League champions as well as three consecutive-year successes as the Babe Ruth League All-stars head coach. In 1969, Dad took the San Clemente Babe Ruth team on quite a run—all the way to the State Championship. He continued his mentoring efforts by coaching the area's American Legion team for six years. Dad won again at this level and turned out many excellent prospects for the San Clemente High School teams and Junior College programs.

John Springman made a real difference too many young boys and girls. He was ahead of his time by including girls and the handicapped in sports, a practice which had been frowned upon during that time. Sue Enquist and Billy Dunham would be great examples of this fact. Many people are aware of Sue Enquist's story and her Hall of Fame career. Billy Dunham's story of Down's syndrome and

mental handicap is a unique and touching one. Dad always encouraged and included Billy in all activities stating that all children deserve the right to play. His mother Shirley Dunham said that she would write a letter on his behalf.

In closing, my brother and I feel that choosing Dad's name for the baseball fields you have planned for the Sports Complex would honor San Clemente's sport tradition. I understand there may be a Corporate Sponsor for the whole Sports Complex itself, but I urge you to consider a Memorial for John Springman regarding the baseball fields within the complex!

Thank you for your consideration in honoring San Clemente history by choosing John Springman's name.

Sincerely,

John Springman

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RECOMMEDATION EMAILS
FOR CONSIDERATION IN
NAMING OF BASEBALL FIELDS
AS

JOHN SPRINGMAN MEMORIAL BASEBALL FIELDS

From:
Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2011 9:04 PM
To: Shaw.T@san-clemente.org
Cc:
Subject: John Springman

Dear Mr. Shaw,

I would like to bring your attention to Mr. John Springman; a man that I feel deserves recognition for his tireless dedication to the youth athletics of San Clemente by displaying his name prominently on the new sports complex.

In researching of John Springman you will find he served his community as a long time mentor, coach, and promoter of youth athletics in San Clemente for 40 plus years.

As a coach of 38 yrs. at Saddleback College, in Mission Viejo I appreciate and respect the lifelong dedication of John Springman.

It is my desire to have the name of the man who was a guiding light in the development of youth athletics in the San Clemente area recognized.

Sincerely

Jay Roelen

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Mr. Shaw,

I moved to San Clemente during the summer of 1966 and did not know a soul. My mom signed me up to play baseball at the Babe Ruth League located by the Boy's Club and that is where I first met John Springman. From that point on, he got me involved in coaching youth sports; Jr. All-American Football, Little League, and Youth Basketball. I also played for him on San Clemente's American Legion Baseball team for three years. My love of coaching all started because of John Springman who took the time and saw something in me when others did not! Without a John Springman there might not be a coach, Gary McKnight. I think naming the Sports Complex after him would be a great tribute to a man who served the youth of the City of San Clemente.

Sincerely,

Gary McKnight

Mater Dei High School

Head Basketball Coach

From:

Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 3:35 PM

To: ShawT@san-clemente.org.

Subject: Park Naming-John Springman

Mr. Shaw-

I am one of the youngsters that were fortunate enough to be going thru youth sports in San Clemente at the same time as the Springman boys. Billy and I have been great friends since the day we were born. I had many opportunities to play with and against teams coached by John Springman. He was a man of the highest character and was without a doubt a man that had a positive effect on hundreds of San Clemente youth. I have been in the coaching business for 31 years and still use some of the phrases that Mr. Springman taught us. He was gracious both as a winner and as a loser, and taught all of us a great deal more than baseball and football.

My life has been better because of my association with the Springman family, and thank God that there were men like Mr. Springman to positively affect our generation. I can think of no greater honor than to name a park after John Springman.

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Thanks and please do not hesitate to call me if I can provide any specific information on Mr. Springman's behalf.

Dan Dodd

Offensive Coordinator / Quarterbacks Coach



James Wilson Center

From:

Sent: Saturday, January 15, 2011 4:26 PM

To: tshaw

Cc:

Subject: John Springman Sports Park Letter of Recommendation

Dear Mr. Shaw,

It gives me great pleasure to write this letter of support for naming our San Clemente Sports Park, the John Springman Sports Park.

John Springman had the greatest influence (outside of my family) on me in laying the foundation for my personal standards, competitive excellence, and coaching principles.

Please allow me to indulge in the profound affect he had on me when I was a very young girl, a girl, who just wanted to play sports, when playing sports wasn't socially popular or encouraged.

John Springman taught me to treat others equally, no matter where they fit on the athletic depth chart.

He coached the San Clemente Optimist Little League team. He allowed me to compete and play during every single practice. I played my position, received technical knowledge and received my rounds of hitting at EVERY practice. He told the boys I was on the team unofficially. He told me I could be the official foul ball shagger at every game. In reality, John Springman was coaching two groups every game

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day. Inspiring the boys inside the white lines and inspiring Sue Enquist outside the white lines. I never missed a play. I sat behind the backstop and watched my two brothers compete Bill Enquist and Bill Springman (my unofficial brother).

John Springman cared about me, which inspired me to be better. He laid my foundation of confidence. I believed that I could do anything. Coach Springman used to say: "Don't worry about the rude comments; they are jealous, they aren't as good as you." At the year-end banquet, I received a trophy for most improved player. Although I never competed, he recognized the standards I upheld. He taught me to BELIEVE in myself. He gave me the confidence to forge new trails, despite the doubters and naysayers. He taught me high standards and life lessons which enabled me to be the first girl in California to play on a high school boy's baseball team when Title IX was enacted (San Clemente High School-1974, I compete on the JV squad). I carried these life lessons throughout my playing days at San Clemente High School, UCLA, and USA Olympic Softball. Life lessons that were the principle cornerstones to my entire UCLA coaching career (27 yrs.).

PRINCIPLE #1-PREPARATION FOR THE GAME

John Springman taught me to out work everyone on the field. He pushed me and reminded daily, I only had to get a little better each day. I loved that approach. It made playing extremely enjoyable. Coach would throw batting practice for 3 hours straight. HE NEVER RESTED. Often times, giving batting practice to kids on OTHER teams. When I experienced intense workouts at SCHS, UCLA, or on our USA National Team, I could hear his voice: "Keep pushing, you look good!". As a player, I tried to prepare like him.

PRINCIPLE #2-LOVE THE GAME

John Springman loved helping kids. All kids, he would help any player from any team and any sport. He coached football as well. He would drive players to and from practice and games. He taught us to love the game no matter what the score was. He taught us to shoot for our OWN success. That worked well for me, because the boys were bigger and stronger than me. John loved the game so much, he would maintenance all the fields, build the dugouts, and fund raiser for the kids. As a coach, I tried to love the game and foster relationships with my student athletes like Coach Springman did.

PRINCIPLE #3-HONOR THE GAME

John Springman taught all of us to respect the game. Be a good sport. He ran a tight ship, but, a fun ship. He believed the game will pay you back, if you put in the work. John Springman did everything with passion and enthusiasm for the kids. Teach the game and inspire the players. He would sacrifice his own money to build the facilities and buy equipment for kids that didn't have the funds. He wanted everyone to play sports. He served the game; he gave so much to the kids and the game. Now as a professional, I try to honor the game like he did. Serve the game and give back, as I co-develop the first ever John Wooden Leadership Academy in our UCLA Athletics Department. Many of the lessons that

Coach Wooden taught, are identical to lessons I learned from John Springman.

I learned those principles from John Springman, which laid the foundation for me to be UCLA's first softball All-American, national champion, and hall of famer. His passion inspired me to get into coaching and co-develop the UCLA Softball Program where we won 11 National Championships, more importantly, a 98% graduation rate during my playing/coaching tenure. I retired as the winningest coach in Division I NCAA Softball history. John Springman was an integral part of my coaching foundation.

I believe we are going to build a beautiful sports park in San Clemente. It will be a place where kids can have fun, learn life lessons, and maybe, if they are lucky, have a coach who teaches kids how to BELIEVE; someone, who changes their life forever. I am just one person, of many, that have been inspired by John Springman's excellence.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my support for naming the new facility the John Springman Sports Park. His legacy represents an important part of San Clemente's sports history. He was one of our first San Clemente coaches, and one of our best teachers of important values and life lessons learned on the ball field!

Sincerely,

Sue Enquist-SCHS'75/UCLA '80
UCLA Development /John Wooden Leadership Academy
Former UCLA Softball Coach
11-time National Champion
4-Time Hall of Fame

Dear Mr. Shaw,

I would like to submit a recommendation to name the new Sports Park "Springman Sports Park" named after long time San Clemente resident and youth coach John Springman, who is now deceased.

John Springman epitomized what great youth coaching was all about? He impacted hundreds of young kids in a positive way through his passion, energy and complete dedication to not only their sports, but their success as well. One example of how John's vision and attitude were so far ahead of their time was when he let a young girl practice with the Little League team "The Optimists". At that point in time Title 9 had not yet existed, and softball was virtually non-existent. John was of the opinion that talent should be developed regardless of the sex which was completely counter to popular culture during that

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time period. As time would have it that young girl went on to have an illustrious career playing and coaching Softball at UCLA and to this day maintains the highest win percentage in the sport. That young girl, Sue Enquist has impacted many thousands of young female athletes through her teams and clinics and still teaches some of the fundamentals that John Springman taught her.

John's time commitment was significant, as he coached Little League, Senior League, Babe Ruth baseball, American Legion baseball and Pop Warner football during the late 60's early 70's. John worked tirelessly maintaining fields, shuttling kids to practice and games and helped with numerous fund raising events to support the sports he was so passionate about. John was a very humble and giving man which made him a popular in what was then a very small San Clemente.

Your consideration of John Springman legacy is very much appreciated.

Bill Enquist

President, Global Endoscopy

Stryker Endoscopy

Bill, this is the nomination I sent. I certainly believe there is no one more worthy of this honor than your dad. Good luck, su amigo, Ron

----- Forwarded Message -----

From:

To: Shawt@san-clemente.org

Sent: Sat, January 15, 2011 3:38:23 PM

Subject: Sports complex name nomination

My name is Ron Sanchez; I was born in San Juan Capistrano and raised in the local area, San Clemente, San Juan, Dana Point and Capo Beach. I've known the Springman family almost as far back as I can remember. My first recollection of them is, we were all running around tossing a football at the Old Capo high school football field under the lights. It was half time, that's what we did. We were 7 or 8 years old then, and I've known the Springman's since. I was also always aware of Mr. Springman. I've always respected him and his family. Based on my observations and interactions with Mr. Springman, his achievements, his commitment to excellence and most of all, his enduring affect to the community and its youth, I would like to nominate 'John Springman' as the name of the new San Clemente sports complex.

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As a kid growing up in the local area I knew Mr. Springman and his boys Johnny and Billy. Whenever there was a sporting event, Mr. Springman was there offering support and inspiration to all. As I grew older I began to realize that he was a staple in the community and local area sports scene. He coached, taught and mentored so many kids. His commitment to all young athletes was unwavering. I remember driving down Del Obispo in Dana Point, and there he was pitching balls, hitting grounders and pop fly's to kids at the Del Obispo baseball field. That scene became very familiar all over the local area. He taught, coached, mentored and held steadfast to his commitment to the community and its youth. There are many men and women living and thriving in the local area whose lives were positively affected by Mr. Springman.

Myself included.

It was Mr. Springman who donated and built a Little League field and first brought Little League to San Clemente. As with baseball, he was also very involved with Pop Warner football. The Springman family all got involved by committing to disadvantaged kids, many that have moved on become successful athletes and valuable community members. It was Mr. Springman who bridged gender gap by mentoring Sue Enquist and putting her on the team at a time when that was unheard of.

Have you been to Triton baseball field lately? Next time you're in the area, take a look at the dugouts Mr. Springman built...there still standing. I don't remember the year they were built, but like his legacy, remain standing.

I know of no other family who contributed so much of their heart and soul to the community. The foundation supporting the local communities, in large part is Mr. Springman. Maybe 'Mr. Springman' isn't a household name anymore, but it certainly was at one time. In one way or another everybody knew him, respected and trusted him. His intentions were pure, his commitment unwavering, his successes are many.

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate Mr. Springman, a most worth name, for the sport complex.

Sincerely,

Ron Sanchez

—Original Message—

From:

To: ShawT <ShawT@san-clemente.org.>

Sent: Fri, Jan 14, 2011 7:36 am

Subject: John Springman

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Mr. Shaw,

My name is John Ulloa. I attended San Clemente and Dana Hills High Schools. After graduating from California Lutheran University, I attended Washington University School of Dental Medicine. I served my country in the United States Navy for 21 years and retired at the rank of Commander and currently have a successful dental practice in Wisconsin.

My best friend growing up was Bill Springman from San Clemente who is now a coach in the Minnesota Twins organization. His father was John Springman. I understand that he is a nominee for the Dedication of a Sports Complex in San Clemente. I know of no other person in the San Clemente area during the 1960's and 1970's that was more dedicated to youth sports than John Springman. He ran his whole life around the kids of San Clemente and their sports. Not only was John's personal life dedicated to involvement of youth sports, but his construction business donated multiple endeavors, at his own cost, to the youth of San Clemente.

From a personal standpoint, John Springman made an incredible impact on my life. He taught me faith. He taught me the importance of hard work and dedication. He taught me to be enthusiastic and optimistic. He was my coach for many teams. He was my mentor for many years. I saw the character he instilled in his family and people around him. I remember the times he was hard on us, which today I am very thankful for. He never missed a practice. He practiced harder than any of us. He pitched hours and hours of batting practice to us. He hit us ground balls for hours upon hours. He pushed us to be the best that we could be. He never missed a ball game. When we reached a higher level he was still always there to watch us and encourage us. It is very hard to put into words the positive impact that John Springman has had on my life. Many people who grew up in the San Clemente, Dana Point, Capistrano Beach, and San Juan area feel the same gratitude that I have for this wonderful man.

John Springman was also a war hero in WW2. I don't believe that too many people know about this as he never spoke about it. I was fortunate enough to be around him so much that I did hear his story. John was attached with the US Marines and stormed Omaha Beach in the invasion of Normandy. As I remember it, he was in the 4th of 5th wave of Marines to hit the beach. The first 3 waves were completely wiped out. They were under incredible heavy fire and most of his fellow Marines were killed. He said that the fighting was fierce and the memories of it affected him for some time as a very young man. He only spoke of being in the military one time in the decades that I knew him.

I am honored to write this letter about John Springman. He was a great man and his involvement with so many young people has had a lasting impact on our society. Please consider him for the naming of the new sports complex.

Sincerely,

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John R. Ulloa, DMD

Commander, USNR

From:

Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 3:21 PM

To: Springman, Bill

Subject: A NOTE FROM : CATHY CUPITO (KEHOE)

HI BILL, THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR NOTE! I WOULD LOVE TO HELP SOMEHOW — I HAVE SOME INFO -- FROM THE RECENT REUNION FROM SCHS I ATTENDED -- I COULD ALSO SEARCH ON FACEBOOK FOR ALL MY PALS AND RECRUIT THEM TOO...

JUST LET ME KNOW WHAT I COULD DO TO HELP! I HOPE THIS HELPS — WOULD LOVE TO SEE THIS HAPPEN! GOOD LUCK!!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU AND FAMILY!!

SINCERELY, CATHY CUPITO (KEHOE)

HERE IS MY CELL NO. — [REDACTED]

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