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City searching for \$15 million to fund affordable housing

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

City Hall wants \$15 million per year to fund affordable housing and officials are asking residents if they would support new taxes to help secure the necessary money.

At their Jan. 12 meeting, council approved \$60,000 to conduct a survey of Santa Monica residents asking which of several new taxes residents would be most likely to support. Options include increases to sales tax, document transfer tax or a tax on new construction.

The city would like to generate

about \$15 million per year to replace the money lost when voters abolished redevelopment agencies in 2012. Staff is recommending that half the money, \$7.5 million, come from a redistribution of the General Fund with the remainder coming from new taxes.

Santa Monica's Director of Housing and Economic Development Andy Agle said there would be little if any short time impact from diverting General Fund revenue because recent changes at the state level have

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Lyon picks team for SMMUSD separation talks

Superintendent's choices up for school board approval

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

The local Board of Education will consider approving the list of three people chosen by Superintendent Sandra Lyon to represent the Santa Monica-Malibu school district in talks with Malibu advocates about issues related to possible separation.

Lyon nominated Tom Larmore, Debbie Mulvaney and Paul Silvern to participate in negotiations regarding a potential split of the

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City replacing Airport Park turf

Project fueled by concerns over potential health dangers of crumb rubber

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Amid ongoing concerns over the potential toxicity of crumb rubber, the City of Santa Monica is in the process of replacing Airport Park's turf field.

The \$816,000 project, which includes the removal of the current turf and the installation of a new artificial field, began Jan. 8 and is expected to be completed later this month, according to Darrell Baker, the city's public landscape superintendent.

The replacement project follows City Council's approval of a contract with Texas-based Hellas

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SAMO VICTORY

The Santa Monica High School girls varsity basketball team hosted Lawndale last week in an Ocean League basketball game and won 76-47 improving their record to 6-8 overall and 2-0 in league play. Pictured are Chole Henery, Carissa Cueva, Corrie Kim and Kate Rusk-Kosa.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Introduction to Finding Funders (for Nonprofits)

Introduction to the Foundation Center's database of U.S. foundations, corporate giving programs, and public charities. Seating is first come, first served. Requires familiarity with using a mouse & keyboard. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica Planning Commission. City Hall, 7 p.m.

Soundwaves: Cold Blue Music

The first concert in the monthly Soundwaves new music series features the Cold Blue Music label. Pianists Michael Jon Fink and Aron Kallay perform pieces by Fink, Peter Garland, Michael Byron, Jim Fox, and Daniel Lentz. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Hearing Health & Screenings

Steven Kolodin, Connect Hearing, discusses the importance of hearing healthcare and the role hearing plays in preserving our mental faculties. Following the discussion, hearing screenings will be conducted for attendees on a first come, first served basis. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Commission for the Senior Community Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission for the Senior Community. Ken Edwards Center, 1:30 p.m.

Computer Class: Build Your Own Website

A hands on class teaching the skills you need to build your own website using weebly.com. If your New Year's Resolution is to create your own web presence, this class is for you. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 4 - 5:30 p.m.

ACT, new SAT, new PSAT: Which Test Should I Take?

Why are the PSAT and SAT changing? What are the changes? Do I take the SAT, ACT, or both to get into my school of choice? Get your questions answered by an expert from C2 Education. Grades 10-12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 21

Homework Help

Get help with your homework! This drop-in program offers a separate study area, basic supplies, and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

LEGO Block Party @ Main Library

Use your creativity to make something remarkable. They provide the Legos, you provide the fun! Ages 4 and Up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Housing Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4:30 p.m.

GED Prep Class

Get prepared to take the Reasoning Through Language Arts subject test of the GED. Class will be held in the Annex, next to Pico Branch Library. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 - 8 p.m.

Steve Hodel and Most Evil II

Author and former LAPD detective Steve Hodel presents his most recent

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Citywide
Bike-Pedestrian Safety Enforcement

The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) will conduct a Bike & Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations with focused enforcement efforts on primary collision factors involving motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The police department identifies locations where pedestrian and bike collisions are prevalent, along with the violations that led to those collisions. Traffic officers will be on duty patrolling areas where bike and pedestrian traffic and collisions occur in an effort to lower deaths and injuries.

Field enforcement operations will take place on Sunday, Jan. 24 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Officers will be looking for violations engaged in by drivers, bike riders and pedestrians alike that can lead to life changing injuries. Special attention will be directed toward drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to stop for signs and signals, failing to yield to pedestrians in cross walks and similar dangerous violations.

Additionally, enforcement will be taken for observed violations when pedestrians cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Bike riders will be stopped and citations issued when they fail to follow the same traffic laws that apply to motorists.

All riders are reminded to always wear a helmet; those under 18 years of age must wear helmets by law. Pedestrians should cross the street only in marked crosswalks or at corners.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

- SUBMITTED BY SERGEANT RUDY CAMARENA,

14th Street
A Day with Lucia Capacchione & The Creative Journal

Join Lucia Capacchione on an expressive journey to the Creative Self. Through journal drawing and writing, we release feelings, explore dreams and solve problems creatively. Included are tools for stress relief through emotional expression, healing the past, exploring relationships, body-inventorying for health and clarifying life goals. Experience groundbreaking techniques for using your non-dominant hand for brain balancing, finding innate wisdom and developing creative potential in all areas of life. No special talent or training in the arts required. Only an open mind and heart. Sharing is strictly voluntary; journals are held sacred and confidential. Bring a journal: blank book with unlined paper, (8 1/2 X 11 in.) and set of felt pens (12 colors or more).

2016 is the 40th anniversary of the very first Creative Journal class, a six-week class with Capacchione, launched at the YWCA on Jan. 21st, 1976.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Talk and Book-Signing by Lucia Capacchione. Free

1 to 5 p.m.: The Creative Journal: A Workshop with Lucia.

Workshop has a suggested donation of \$15.

Call (310) 452-3881 to register or email get-involved@smywca.org

- SUBMITTED BY KIM ROBERSON, YWCA SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

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investigation and decryption of the 1970 Zodiac Killer Cipher. A book sale and signing follows. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8 p.m.

Recreation & Parks Commission

Meeting of the Recreation & Parks Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 22

Internet Security

Learn how to protect yourself and your computer from threats such as viruses, spyware, and scams. Advanced level. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 - 4 p.m.

Coding for Teens

Learn coding at the Library! Join organizers for this basic JavaScript workshop, only for teens. All levels are welcome. Space is limited, call the branch to register. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Drumming with Rhythm Child

Develop your drumming skills, confidence, and coordination at this energetic workshop. Limited space; free tickets available 30 minutes before program. For families. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 4 - 4:45 p.m.

Beach=Culture: Reception for 'Unspooled'

Celebrate the opening of Unspooled with the artists Lynne B. Clark, Maria E. Piñeres, and Jenny Hart and exhibit curator Stacey Ravel Abarbanel, with music by Wages. Light refreshments provided. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 6 - 8 p.m.



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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION**

SUBJECT: The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the following:

Conditional Use Permit 15ENT-0280, Variance 15ENT-0281, 1249 Twenty-Sixth Street.

The applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the establishment of a Child Care and Early Education Facility for up to 30 children on a property located within the R2 (Low Density Multiple Family Residential) zoning district. Variances are also requested to allow off-site parking more than 400 feet away from the subject site, and to provide two off-street passenger loading spaces, in lieu of the four off-street passenger loading spaces required by the Zoning Ordinance. According to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.08.020, a CUP is required to establish a Child Care and Early Education Facility in the R2 zoning district. Additionally, SMMC Section 9.28.080 requires four off-street passenger loading spaces for day care centers with an enrollment of 21-60 children, and SMMC Section 9.28.190 requires that off-site parking facilities be located within 400-feet of the subject site along a pedestrian route. [Planner: Ariel Socarras] **Applicant: Meadow Preschool, LLC. Property Owner: FDT California Holdings, LLC.**

Text Amendment 15ENT-0315. The applicant requests amendments to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Table 9.11.020. Specific Limitations #17 and #19 currently require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for any individual tenant space in the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) District that is more than 7,500 square feet of floor area and/or exceeds 50 linear feet of ground floor street frontage and for any individual tenant space in the Mixed-Use Boulevard Low (MUBL), Mixed-Use Boulevard (MUB), and General Commercial (GC) Districts that is more than 12,500 square feet of floor area and/or exceeds 75 linear feet of ground floor street frontage. The proposed text amendment would only apply Specific Limitations #17 and #19 to Commercial Uses that are not currently subject to any potential discretionary review. Staff proposes that these limitations also apply to any existing ground floor, street-fronting, non-office use tenant space(s) being converted to individual office use tenant space. This item was discussed by the Planning Commission at a public hearing held on December 16, 2015 and was continued by the Commission to allow further discussion of the project. [Planner: Tony Kim] Location: Mixed-Use and Commercial Districts. Applicant: Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TTY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. Big Blue Bus Lines #2 and #8 now run on Ocean Avenue instead of Main Street due to the Colorado Esplanade construction. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar aplicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Peter James en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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Meeting Date & Time:
Monday, February 1, 2016, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Meeting Location:
Virginia Avenue Park – Thelma Terry Building
2200 Virginia Avenue
Santa Monica, California 90404

For further information on this project, please contact Tom Afschar at (310) 434-2611 or tom.afschar@smgov.net.

The Thelma Terry Building is wheelchair accessible. For special accommodations, including translation services, please contact Marcelo Serrano at (310) 458-2205 or marcelo.serrano@smgov.net three working days prior to the meeting. TTY/TDD (310) 917-6626.

Virginia Avenue Park is served by Big Blue Bus Line 7. Limited Parking is available. Childcare provided and light refreshments will be served.

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How green is my haggis (it's not)

WEIGHING IN: GREEN, GREEN anywhere? I haven't quite gotten through the entire final report online of the Santa Monica Civic Working Group, who worked hard, nearly two years to formulate a plan for revitalizing our civic center, surrounding our historic but unusable auditorium. I wonder how much a print copy would weigh, since volume one is 40 pages long, and volume two adds another 1,151? But having attended nearly every workshop and meeting, I can tell you a couple of things. From the beginning, it was obvious the consultant team from HR&A was pushing for "mixed use" to "pay for it all," meaning retail, office space, restaurants, and we kept hearing about a hotel (not, do you want one? - community workshop participants overwhelming said hell no - but how tall should it be?).

The idea to include a playing field, which could be used by Samohi students across the street, was badly needed and had been planned for 10 years, was an orphan in the discussion. Even a large turnout at the last public meeting, literally hundreds of parents and students on a school night, did not convince the group to insist in their report to City Council that an athletic field be kept.

In fact, there was discussion whether or not there was even room for it, since the Early Childhood Education Center building, the wrong institution of the wrong size in the wrong place. Santa Monica College is paying \$1/year rent. The center will serve as a teaching facility but will be operated by a private for-profit firm. The project has grown like Topsy over the years, even very recently expanded. But we were told that was a done deal, don't even bring it up, for sure it is going in. I haven't yet heard a credible explanation for that stance.

The report will be considered by Council at their Feb. 9 meeting, but now is the time to let them know how you feel, especially if you favor the open green space of an athletic field (which could also be used for other community purposes). You can write to Council@smgov.net, and manager@smgov.net, and show up to speak at the Feb. 9 Council meeting.

Right now it looks like the Council will accept the recommendation to table approval of the field. Kick it down the road again. If they wait another 10 years, the students who were promised the field when they were at Samohi will have their own children at Samohi, still waiting.

Speaking of green, LA County is in the middle of a year-long study of its parks, area by area, and it's our turn. Santa Barbara did a "Comparative Indicators Report" for fiscal year 2015, comparing that city to 11 others in California with similar characteristics, ranging in population from Santa Cruz to Huntington Beach. On p. 22 was "Developed Park Acreage per 1,000 Population" and guess what? Santa Monica is tied for dead last, at 1.4 (now 1.45), compared to Santa Barbara's 4.0.

So you can show up tomorrow night, Thursday, and tell the county folks what you think of those shady statistics. Civic Auditorium, East Wing, 6 - 8:30 p.m. Snacks will be served, oh yeah.

JUST CALL HIM ALEX

Last week, I wrote of the imminent eviction of our Main Street shoe gu-ru, the pro-

prietor of Alex's Shoe Repair - "his baptism name is Ignacio Alejandro Benevides Corona ('too long to sign on a check,' he chuckled)" - and it seems he may have skipped a couple, while sick. But he's got the money now.

The first rule of journalism is, get the name right. When I dropped by to look in on him a few days ago, Alex said he was pleased with the column, but gently informed me that I didn't get it right - his name - in my first profile (in 2013) and again last week.

He pulled out his driver's license and showed me, three out of the four names but in a different order, then told me his actual surname is none of the above (!), then proceeded to tell the story of when he first came to this country and they asked him his name and he told them about his brothers and his mother and...

I can understand why it was a problem then because I couldn't follow it at all.

Alex is being threatened with eviction from the shop he's been in for three decades, on the last half block of not-yet gentrified Main, just south of Pico.

A heart attack a few months ago didn't help. (He proudly drew back his shirt to show me the small disc lump underneath his t-shirt underneath his skin, the pace-maker that keeps him alive and "doesn't even need to have the battery changed for about 10 years," he told me with some awe, and appreciation.

Testimony from the community might help when he goes to court Jan. 26, to soften the heart of the landlord whose building would be worth more without Alex's Shoe Repair there. Alex said he's already has been raised to \$2,000/month and I don't know how he manages that, especially because he charges so little. More likely, the historic building would be torn down for a newer, bigger, taller, shinier one. Alex wants to retire soon and wouldn't stay for long anyway, but he needs a little more working time to feel comfortable about it.

You can write me (see email below) with any positive comments you have about him and his work, and why you think he's an institution in our community who should be left where he is in his final years.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Don't miss this. I went last year and it was so much fun. It's Robbie Burns Night at the Daily Pint, on Pico across from Virginia Avenue Park. Owner Phil McGovern honors his Scottish heritage by honoring Scotland's greatest poet, national hero Robert Burns ("Auld Lang Syne"). Scottish ales on tap, a mind-boggling selection of Scotch whiskeys, men in kilts (10 per cent discount plus lots of attention from the lasses), the reverential parading of the haggis and reading of Burns' "Ode to the Haggis," before everyone digs in with a free slice, as well as Courageous Cock a Leekie soup, Orkney Clapshot and Scotch eggs.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You can check-out any time you like, but you can never leave." - Glenn Frey

CHARLES ANDREWS has lived in Santa Monica for 30 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. You can reach him at theralmrmusic@gmail.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

14th St. Traffic crash at 14th/Olympic

Santa Monica firefighters and police officers responded to a multi-vehicle crash at 14th and Olympic on Jan. 18.

According to Fire Department Public Information Officer Dale Hallock a call came in at about 3:40 p.m. Two engines, an ambulance and a ladder truck responded to the call as well as a Battalion Chief.

Three individuals were transported to local hospitals with two in critical condition. The call was cleared at 5:06 p.m.

- DAILY PRESS STAFF

Union submits signatures for \$15 California minimum wage

Associated Press

A faction of California's largest union began submitting signatures Tuesday for a ballot initiative asking voters to raise California's minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2021, one of two competing proposals vying for the November ballot.

Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom joined SEIU's United Healthcare Workers West in San Francisco as union officials turned in signatures. The group said it has collected 600,000 names, far more than the nearly 366,000 required to qualify an initiative this year.

The initiative, the latest in a nationwide effort by unions and other groups to raise the wage, would raise the state's minimum wage by \$1 a year starting in 2017 until it hits \$15 in 2021. After that, increases would be automatically tied to the cost of living.

The cities of Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Seattle, San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley have approved phased-in increases to eventually take their minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

The state council of SEIU also is collect-

ing signatures for a competing minimum-wage initiative that would bring it to \$15 by 2020, a year earlier, and provide six paid sick days annually. The union has pledged to spend \$20 million to \$30 million on a statewide campaign.

Lawmakers are also considering whether to attempt to pass a minimum-wage increase through the Legislature.

Gov. Jerry Brown, a Democrat, cautioned supporters during his budget announcement earlier this month that increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour would cost the state general fund about \$4 billion a year.

Business groups said the increase will be especially damaging to smaller operators and that the proposal raises wages too fast.

"While we know voters support some increase, this proposal to nearly double the minimum wage goes too far," California Restaurant Association President Jot Condie said in a news release.

The SEIU state council has said it hopes both measures can eventually merge to avoid voter confusion and present a unified campaign.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SANTA MONICA HOUSING AUTHORITY FY 2016-2017 DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

The City Council/Housing Authority Board of the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing to receive comment and adopt proposed revisions to the Santa Monica Housing Authority's Administrative Plan. The Administrative Plan establishes oversight policies to operate the Santa Monica Housing Authority's (HA) housing rental subsidy programs in a manner consistent with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations. The draft Administrative Plan is now posted for review during the 45-day public comment period ending March 7, 2016.

A hard copy is available to view at the Santa Monica Housing Authority Office at: 1901 Main Street, 1st Floor, Suite A, Santa Monica, CA 90405

An electronic copy is available to view on the web at: <http://www.smgov.net/housing>

Please send your written comments to the above address, ATTN: Administrative Plan, by March 7, 2016.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2016 At 6:30p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA

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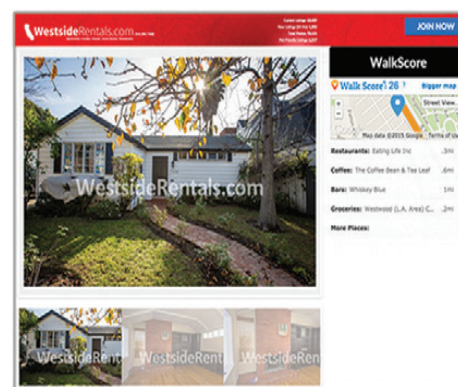


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HOUSING

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increased the amount of money repaid to the city related to the loss of redevelopment agencies. However, he said those repayments will expire eventually.

"At worst if no new revenues, it may require you to reprioritize and cut some existing programs," he said of the long-term implications.

In authorizing \$60,000 for the study, council directed staff to maximize the number of potential questions asked with evaluation of sales tax permutations being the top priority.

At minimum, a sales tax proposal would increase the tax by a quarter percent. Agle said sales taxes are the most popular among voters and there's the possibility of raising the rate by half a percent and splitting the money with other causes. He said the Council could partner with the school district and some councilmembers suggested an increased sales tax could be used to fund other city projects, such as refurbishing the Civic Auditorium. Staff said potential problems include voter fatigue as Santa Monicans approved a sales tax measure in 2010 and county agencies are likely to have sales tax measures on the 2016 ballot.

The document transfer tax draws money from the sale of homes. Changes to the document transfer tax would increase the tax by \$6 per \$1 million. Voters rejected a similar proposal in 2014, then known as Measure H, but they did pass the companion Measure HH that would have earmarked Measure H money for affordable housing. Staff said it's

possible voters might approve it this time if the campaign were organized differently.

Questions were also raised about a potential construction tax. As proposed it would charge a fee equal to 5 percent of the improvement value on construction with an exemption for single family homes. Agle said a construction tax would have to be carefully evaluated to avoid issues of double taxation and the possibility that the tax could run afoul of state laws that regulate home construction.

Housing Commissioner Michael Soloff was one of several current or former city officials to support establishing a revenue stream for affordable housing. Soloff said none of the city's rent controlled units will be affordable in the next 20 years due to state laws that allow rent controlled units to be set to market rate once a tenant leaves.

"Part of what makes Santa Monica special is its economically diverse population, but Santa Monica is rapidly losing that diversity, much of which was based on affordable rent controlled units," he said.

Former mayor, Jim Conn said the soul of the city was at stake.

"I have long felt the only difference between Santa Monica and say, Redondo Beach, is we have social economic diversity and to maintain that social economic diversity is to maintain the heart and soul of the city and what makes it unique and rare and special and why it's of value."

Council's decision was limited to authorizing a study of the revenue options. No money was allocated for affordable housing last week and the issue will return for additional discussion once the study is complete.

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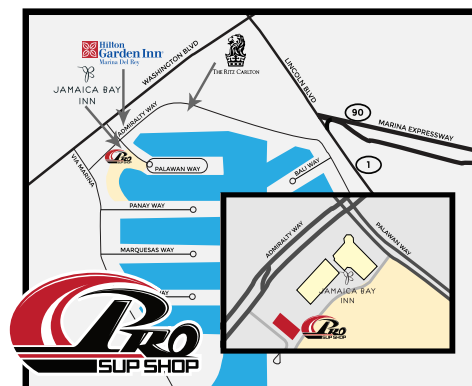
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TEAM

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district, which the school board outlined last month. The board is expected to ratify Lyon's choices at its board meeting Thursday night at SMMUSD headquarters.

Larmore, Mulvaney and Silvern are all members of the district's Financial Oversight Committee, which has been tasked in recent months with analyzing the fiscal implications of dividing the existing school district.

Lyon tapped Larmore, Mulvaney and Silvern "due to their in-depth knowledge of the district's and Financial Oversight Committee's issues and concerns associated with a potential" creation of a separate Malibu district, according to an SMMUSD report.

Malibu City Manager Jim Thorsen has selected Laura Rosenthal, Kevin Shenkman and Manel Sweetmore to represent Malibu in the negotiations.

In July, the finance committee reported to the school board that there were no fiscal deal-breakers to separation. But after analyzing new data that reflected changes in state aid, the committee concluded in November that a split was not financially viable. The school board then approved separation negotiations to see if the budgetary issues could be resolved.

Negotiations will take place over a 60-day period with an option for a 30-day extension pending school board approval. The board will hear updates on the talks at least monthly.

Agreements born of the talks will require approval by the negotiating teams, the school board and Malibu City Council, and possible separation would still likely take

several years to execute.

The upcoming talks come at a pivotal juncture for the district, which is in the process of allocating millions of dollars in bond money for facility and technology upgrades at SMMUSD sites while facing environmental concerns in Malibu, adjusting to a recently implemented centralized fundraising system and working to curb academic achievement gaps.

Larmore, a recent school board candidate and longtime Santa Monica resident who previously served on the city Planning Commission, has been involved in numerous civic and nonprofit groups.

In November, Larmore said that he's generally backed the concept of separation but added that the new data forced him to reconsider.

"I've said many times that if there were no adverse consequences ... it was a great thing to do, and I was for it," he said. "When we realized the current situation it was, frankly, a disappointment to me."

Mulvaney, who runs an accounting firm, helps businesses with bookkeeping and other organizational matters. She is a former president of Santa Monica High School's Parent Teacher Student Association.

"With what we know about district finances, sound analysis clearly demonstrates that unification does not make financially prudent sense at this time," Mulvaney said in November.

Silvern, a former Santa Monica planning director, is a longtime economic development and land use consultant. A partner with HR&A Advisors, he has worked with city officials and community members on exploring options for the Civic Auditorium site.

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TURF

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Construction in early December.

The project comes at a time of intensifying scrutiny of crumb rubber, which is used as an infill on turf athletic fields across the country. The small black pellets are made from recycled scrap tires that some scientists, elected officials and sports activists have suspected of causing cancer.

"With all the talk of crumb rubber and whether it's toxic or not, the City decided to remove the crumb rubber," Baker said.

The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment has begun a study of "the potential health impacts associated with playing on synthetic turf fields," according to an October memo. Public meetings will be held throughout the \$2.9-million study, which is scheduled for completion in mid-2018.

The state's current study will build on two previous investigations into the effects of the chemicals used in crumb rubber. The study is being funded by CalRecycle, a state agency that has awarded millions of dollars in grants to cities and schools for the installation of crumb-rubber turf fields.

Crumb rubber has been used as an infill at Airport Park since a turf field was initially installed there about eight years ago. All of the other city fields in Santa Monica feature natural grass, Baker said.

The new turf infill at Airport Park will be

made of zeolite material, which is sometimes used in cat litter boxes. A new cushioning pad will also be placed under the turf carpet, which Baker said is similar to the one that is being replaced.

Games and activities that were scheduled to be held at Airport Park during the replacement project have been moved to other fields.

The field at Airport Park, 3201 Airport Ave., has been used primarily for soccer by youth sports organizations, local high school teams and recreational adult leagues. The Canadian women's national team hosted an event there in May.

Concerns about crumb rubber have grown since former U.S. national team player Amy Griffin began keeping a list of soccer players and other athletes who have been diagnosed with cancer after playing on synthetic turf.

Councilman Kevin McKeown said he first heard about concerns over crumb rubber from the city's environment task force, but added that the astroturf needed to be replaced anyway. He said turf is more durable than natural grass but that it still wears with use over time.

"In funding the necessary replacement of worn artificial turf, at a time when we are also expanding Airport Park," he said, "the Council is making sure that our new turf is not only more durable but also safer than the products generally available a decade ago."

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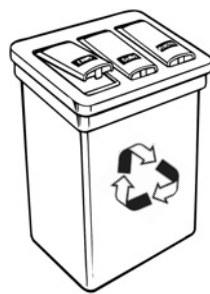
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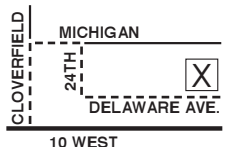
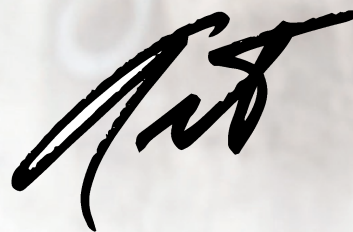
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Primary WNW swell continues to slowly ease. Secondary SW swell holds.
Favorable AM winds, but starting out a bit fat/slow early for most spots on the higher tide.

THURSDAY - FAIR - SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
Primary WNW swell slowly fading. Secondary SW swell starts to ease.
Favorable AM winds, but starting out fat/slow early for most spots on the higher tide.

FRIDAY - FAIR - SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
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The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 291 calls for service on Jan 18.

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Family disturbance, 1400 block of Lincoln, 12:04 a.m.
Battery, 900 block of 12th, 12:13 a.m.
Family disturbance, 800 block of Pacific, 12:31 a.m.
Party complaint, 1900 block of 19th, 1:32 a.m.
Grand theft auto, 3000 block of Ocean Park, 2:26 a.m.
Party complaint, 1200 block of 26th, 3:56 a.m.
Construction noise, 1600 block of Stewart, 6:07 a.m.
Urinating/defecating in public, 1400 block of Ocean, 6:14 a.m.
Rape report, Lincoln/Grant, 9:08 a.m.
Burglary, 1800 block of California, 9:11 a.m.
Fight, Lincoln/Grant, 9:17 a.m.
Grand theft auto, 1700 block of Wilshire, 10:17 a.m.
Grand theft, 1800 block of Ocean Park, 10:48 a.m.
Burglary, 1000 block of Franklin, 11:21 a.m.
Family disturbance, 500 block of Santa Monica, 11:25 a.m.
Grand theft, 2100 block of Yorkshire, 11:54 a.m.
Public intoxication, 700 block of California, 12:12 p.m.

Hit and run, 31st/Ocean Park, 12:18 p.m.
Traffic collision, Ocean/Olympic, 12:43 p.m.
Hit and run, 1400 block of Santa Monica, 1:21 p.m.
Hit and run, 700 block of Santa Monica, 1:34 a.m.
Threats, 1700 block of Wellesley, 2:06 p.m.
Battery, 1700 block of Ocean Park, 2:57 p.m.
Grand theft, 2100 block of Yorkshire, 3:35 p.m.
Traffic collision, 1400 block of Olympic, 3:39 p.m.
Grand theft, 3400 block of Ocean Park, 4:05 p.m.
Fight, 2500 block of 28th, 5:48 p.m.
Rape, Lincoln/Grant, 6:05 p.m.
Traffic collision, 26th/San Vicente, 6:52 p.m.
Suspicious person, 500 block of 9th, 7:04 p.m.
Suspicious person, 2100 block of 20th, 7:08 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, Ocean/Olympic Dr, 7:11 p.m.
Vandalism, 1700 block of Ocean, 7:12 p.m.
Traffic collision, 800 block of Marine, 7:39 p.m.
Assault, 3rd Street Prom/Santa Monica, 8:35 p.m.
Person down, 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom, 9:14 p.m.
Missing person, 2900 block of Pico, 9:28 p.m.
Suspicious vehicle, 600 block of Kensington, 9:48 p.m.
Disturbance at a business, 2400 block of Wilshire, 10:27 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 21st/Idaho, 11:35 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 31 calls for service on Jan. 18.

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EMS, 4th/Colorado, 12:07 a.m.
EMS, 1800 block of 10th, 12:22 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 20th, 2:47 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 2100 block of Santa Monica, 7:15 a.m.
EMS, 1500 block of Arizona, 8:36 a.m.
EMS, 2000 block of 3rd, 9:15 a.m.
Request fire, 700 block of Pico, 9:23 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 20th, 10:07 a.m.
Assist LAFD, 300 block of Sunset, 10:25 a.m.
EMS, 2000 block of Santa Monica, 10:55 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 1100 block of 4th, 12:37 p.m.
EMS, 800 block of Wilshire, 12:38 p.m.

EMS, 2600 block of 28th, 1:31 p.m.
EMS, 1100 block of Arizona, 1:43 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 17th, 2:11 p.m.
EMS, 2400 block of Santa Monica, 2:16 p.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 21st, 3:26 p.m.
EMS, 14th/Olympic, 3:40 p.m.
EMS, Cloverfield/I-10, 3:42 p.m.
Assist LAFD, PCH/Temescal, 3:54 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm, 2400 block of La Mesa, 4:12 p.m.
EMS, 1200 block of Bay, 5:42 p.m.
EMS, 1500 block of 14th, 6:00 p.m.
EMS, 400 block of 7th, 7:07 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1400 block of Lincoln, 7:47 p.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom, 9:09 p.m.
EMS, 1100 block of 3rd, 9:18 p.m.
EMS, 2100 block of Santa Monica, 9:34 p.m.
EMS, 1500 block of 6th, 9:34 p.m.
EMS, 1100 block of Arizona, 10:34 p.m.
EMS, 2600 block of Ocean Front, 11:30 p.m.

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1990- The Red Army crack-down on civil protests in Baku, Azerbaijan during the dissolution of the Soviet Union. Also known as Black January.

1991- Sudan's government imposes Islamic law nationwide, worsening the civil war between the country's Muslim north and Christian south.

1992- Air Inter Flight 148, an Airbus A320-111, crashes into a mountain near Strasbourg, France killing 87 of the 96 people on board. A design flaw in the computer mode selection system resulted in the crew selecting the wrong rate of descent.

2001- President of the Philippines Joseph Estrada is ousted in a nonviolent 4-day revolution, and is succeeded by Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

2006- Witnesses report seeing a bottlenose whale swimming in the River Thames, the first time the species had been seen in the Thames since records began in 1913.

2007- A three-man team, using only skis and kites, completes a 1,093-mile (1,759 km) trek to reach the southern pole of inaccessibility for the first time since 1958 and for the first time ever without mechanical assistance.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Wait, What? NPR's "Morning Edition," reporting on the violent tornadoes that hit North Texas on the night after Christmas, interviewed one woman who said she was luckier than her neighbors because of her faith. She was entertaining 10 relatives when she heard the "train-like" sound of the winds approaching and took everyone outside to confront the storm: "We ... started commanding the winds because God had given us authority over ... airways. And we just began to command this storm not to hit our area. We spoke to the storm and said, go to unpopulated places. It did exactly what we said to do because God gave us the authority to do that."

■ The most promising current concussion-prevention research comes from a study of ... woodpeckers (according to a December Business Week report). Scientists hypothesize that the birds' apparent immunity from the dangers of constant head-slamming is because their neck veins naturally compress, forcing more blood into their craniums, thus limiting the dangerous "jiggle room" in which brains bang against the skull. A team led by a real-life doctor portrayed in the movie "Concussion" is working on a neck collar to slightly pinch the human jugular vein to create a similar effect.

STICK TO YOUR USUAL ROUTINE, CAPRICORN

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your creativity continues to dominate, but you'll communicate your thoughts more incisively. Conversations could go in many different directions. You will find out what works for you in no time. Be willing to go through the process. Tonight: Pretend that it is the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Others make demands that might distract you from some thoughts about finances. You need to deal with these money issues, but honor a need for a change of pace. An element of unpredictability runs through work. Tonight: Balance your checkbook before you head out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You see past the obvious, but you aren't always ready to share these thoughts. As a result, others find you to be most unpredictable and capable of doing anything. This perspective should give you an indication of how you project yourself. Tonight: Ready for some adventure?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You could be more demanding than you realize. On some level, a close friend or associate might feel drained by your initial reaction. You seem to be concerned with some matters involving your finances that you are not ready to discuss. Tonight: Not to be found.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Others seek you out. At the present moment, you seem to prefer the company of many people all at once. Could it be possible that you are trying to avoid a situation or conversation? It is going to happen sooner or later, but play it your way. Tonight: Where people are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Others often look to you for leadership. You know when you have had enough and want to head in a different direction. How you handle a demanding situation could change radically in a few days. Know that there will be reactions you'll need to deal with. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your ability to think fast and come up with several novel ideas emerges. Your understanding of others' predicaments will add to your mental resilience. Expressing a consideration for others is the type of thinking that creates mutual respect. Tonight: Say "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Work with individuals rather than a group of people. You could be confused about what to do and when. Listen to your inner voice if you feel iffy about verbalizing a problem. Timing could make a big difference. Honor your instincts. Tonight: Downtime with a loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You'll hear a lot of information all at once. You could be surprised by how overwhelming it is. Detach, and listen to what is offered and nothing more. You will be able to become more responsive soon. Tonight: An opportunity appears that seems too good to be true.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Security, both emotionally and financially, becomes more important to you in the next few weeks. You could find that an element of unpredictability surrounds you, especially when you're out and about. Reach out to someone at a distance. Tonight: Stick to your usual routine.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You feel energized, though you also might feel scattered. Don't worry -- you will bounce back quickly. You could be surprised by what someone says or does. You won't be able to suppress your reaction. Remain nurturing with a loved one. Tonight: Go for what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might need some downtime. You could be doing a lot of processing in your mind. Be ready to take a risk if it feels comfortable, but don't lost sight of the financial implications involved. You'd be wise to exercise caution. Tonight: Happy to be close to home.

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

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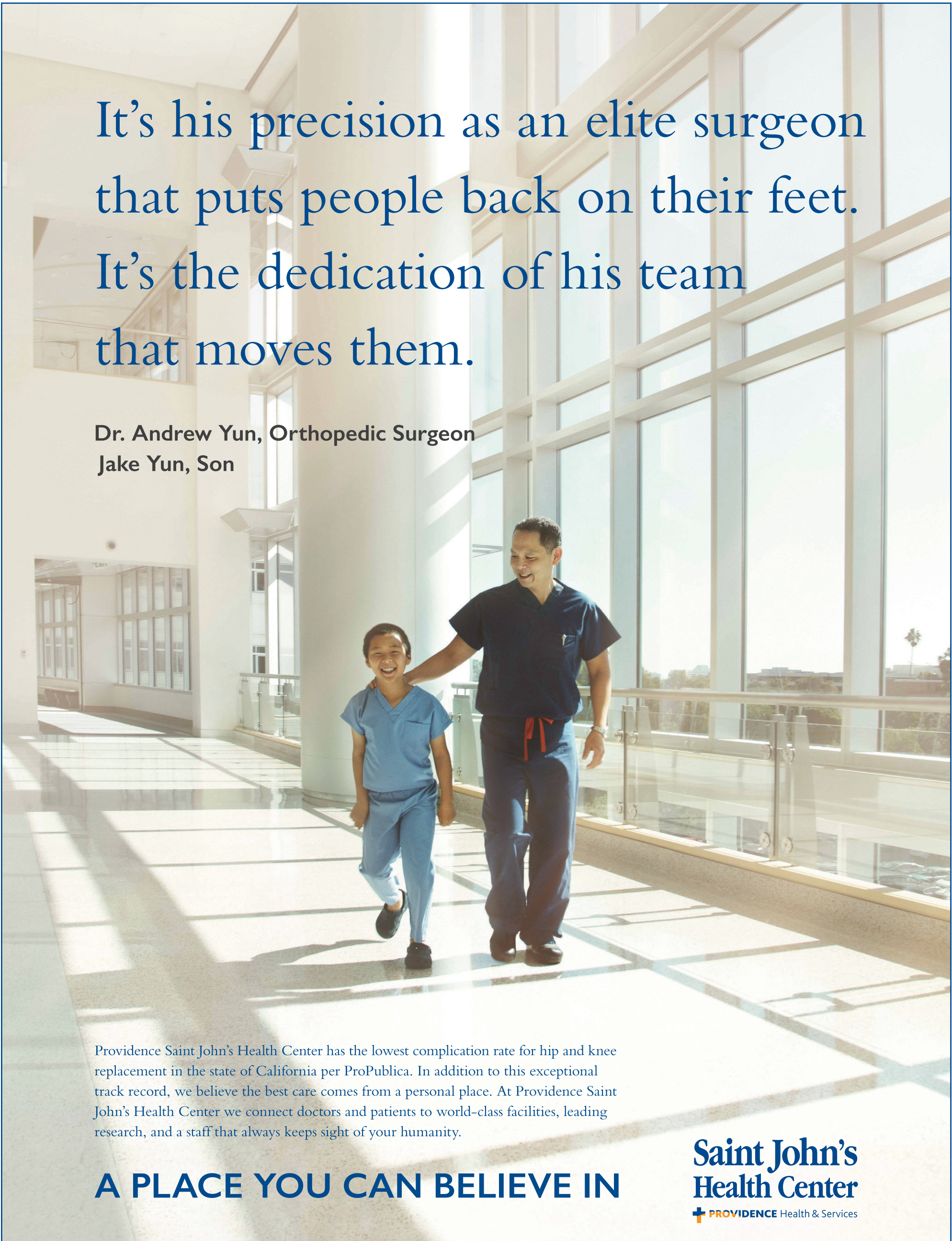
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