

From: Jeanne McCracken
To: Christina Lutu
Subject: Fwd: Renaming Scott Park
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 11:16:28 AM

Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee,

I am writing this to make you aware of the support and following there is in renaming Scott Park after a colleague and Carson High School Graduate, James Foisa, Class of 1968.

As a child I had cousins living one block from the park. We spent a great deal of time together on holidays and just being kids. When we converged on the park, a minimum of 11-12 of us, that park became a fort, a space ship, whatever our imagination could make it be. As an adult and military wife I learned the value of parks and recreation. My children played soccer, baseball and basketball in Recreation Leagues, where they learned the values it trust, friendship, how to win and lose with dignity. As a mother I could never thank people like James enough for all of the values they taught our children, mostly on their own time coaching and guiding my children.

In closing, I was a resident and student when Carson was born. James was man who shared his strong values of what The Parks and Recreation stood for and helped make Carson what it is today. For his hard work and in his memory I ask that you rename the park after James Foisa, the person who helped make it what it is today.

Jeanne McCracken
Carson High School Graduate
Class of W'69

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From: [Chris Rubacha](#)
To: [Christina Lutu](#)
Subject: Scott Park Renaming
Date: Sunday, November 18, 2018 12:26:19 PM

Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee,

Greetings,

I fully support the timely renaming of my second home as I was growing up in Carson to "James Foisia Park." I grew up across the street from the park and more often than not, mom would seek me out for dinner as the sun was setting. The recreation leaders were family to me and so many others.

James was my classmate at Carson High School. His leadership and academic achievements were not well known at the time, but he helped put the future City of Carson on the Map. As a member of the Carson Colt L.A. City Football Team in 1966, he was an inspiration and in the following year, All-League and All-City.

James was one of only a few to receive a 4-year scholarship upon graduation in 1968 - football at UCLA. I squeaked out a nomination to the Air Force Academy. Years later at a visit home to Carson I wandered over to my second home, the park. James was in the office. I asked for a basketball. He said the gym is closed. After a hug despite my now aching ribs, he gave a ball and opened the gym door. Good thing no one else was watching

My 10-years younger brothers played sports at the park. James looked after them as if they were family. One day my kid brother lost his wallet at the park with only his name in it. James walked it home and gave it to our mother. Renaming a well-known name of a long-named rec facility in Carson will not be easy, but Do It!

Christian M. Rubacha, Major, U.S. Air Force (retired)
Carson HS, S'68
L.A. County Football Champs from the Park, 1964

November 14, 2014

Honorable Chairperson and Commissioners,

For the record, the Foisia family are not the architects of this renaming project, nor is the family the driving force behind this matter. Rather, as a tribute to James' memory, the Foisia family supports and stands behind those who knew James' contribution to this city and thus believe he is worthy of this park renaming.

While some may argue to the contrary and cite the gymnasium that is named in his honor as sufficient recognition, this is akin to a token pat on the back. Whereas, the renaming of Scott Park not only will it encompass the gymnasium but it is a true distinction reflective of an individual who, according to testaments heard at the October 16, 2018 Council meeting, and again at last night's community meeting, November 13, 2018, has left a lasting positive impact and influence to the hundreds of young lives who frequented Scott Park, also to the staff who worked under his leadership throughout the years of his tenure at Scott Park.

Others may say General Winfield Scott has more *star power* being a highly decorated Army General in the 1800s. Although this is an undeniable historical fact, this park was named by Los Angeles County before our city was incorporated. However, our city has named four parks in honor of outstanding Carson city leaders and residents.

It must be noted that the City of Carson prides itself on its diversity, whereby African Americans, Anglo Americans, Asians, Mexican Americans, Pacific Islanders, live side by side and respect each other's unique culture and have annual celebrations of their heritage that is supported and encouraged by our city leaders. To promote this exceptional image, our landmarks, such as parks, should radiate and enhance this concept.

A personal observation revealed how relatively simple and uncluttered the process was to name parks in the good old days! Unfortunately staff is working under the guidelines of SMP 1.8a, which upon inspection is outdated and ambiguous. I trust this commission will do its due diligence and make a favorable recommendation to the city council.

Respectfully,
Liz Foisia

From: [TS RR](#)
To: [Christina Lutu](#)
Cc: [Chris Rubacha](#)
Subject: James Foisia Park
Date: Sunday, November 18, 2018 8:51:30 AM

Greetings:

I am writing to you as someone who grew up in the Scott Park area, a former recreation leader for the City of Carson, and as the former Captain of Carson Sheriff's Station.

Throughout my history in an around Scott Park and the Carson recreation department, one constant was James Foisia. I have met very few people in my life who have commanded more respect and admiration than Big James. He was firm when he needed to be but mostly a gentle giant who cared about those who worked around him and, more importantly, the youngsters like me who depended on Scott Park for our primary source of exercise and recreation. I couldn't begin to count the number of kids who James steered away from getting themselves into trouble when they started acting up and going down the wrong path.

On a professional note, James was a mentor to me and many others and taught us what it meant to provide calm and rationale leadership even during the most trying of times.

"Scott Park" is an important part of my life's history and the name will always mean something to me and my family but I strongly support having James Foisia memorialized in a meaningful way by either renaming the park in his honor and/or permanently attaching his name in some substantial way to the place where his impact will be felt for generations to come.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Todd Rogers
Vice Mayor, City of Lakewood
Assistant Sheriff, LASD (retired)

Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: [David Elecciri](#)
To: [Christina Lutu](#)
Subject: IN SUPPORT OF JAMES FOISIA!..RE-NAME SCOTT PARK TO "JAMES FOISIA PARK"!!! THIS WOULD BE "JUSTICE"!!!
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 10:22:11 AM
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HELLO!

MY NAME IS DAVID A. ELECCIRI SR.I GREW UP IN CARSON 1951-1977 BEFORE IT WAS A CITY!..I MOVED TO SOUTH OR. COUNTY IN 1977 , AFTER BEING THE 1ST STUDENT TO COMEBACK AND TEACH AS A CERTIFICATED TEACHER COACH AT CARSON HIGH! I WAS A PROUD STUDENT OF SCHOOLS, CARSON STREET ELEMENTARY, ST. PHILOMENA , STEPHEN M. WHITE AND A S'1968 GRADUATE OF CARSON HIGH IN TH 1976-77 SCHOOL YEAR ! EVENTHOUGH I MOVED TO SOUTH OR.CO, WHERE I WAS A TEACHER & COACH IN THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 1977-2012 & NOW RETIRED, I KEPT IN TOUCH WITH JAMES AND VISITED HIM PERIODICALLY. I 1ST MET "JAMES FOISIA IN 1965" AS I WAS A MEMBER OF THE FOOTBALL TEAMS FOR THE COLTS 1965,1966 & 1967! JAMES AND I WERE TEAMMATES ON THE 1966 UNDEFEATED MARINE LEAGUE AND L.A.CITY CHAMPION CARSON COLT TEAM! JAMES , AS A SENIOR WAS REWARDED FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PLAY AND LEADERSHIP BEING SELECTED TO THE L.A.CITY 1ST TEAM DEFENSE !.HE EARNED A FOOTBALL AND ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP TO UCLA!

I LEARNED THE SAMOAN CULTURE BY HANGING OUT AT THE FOISIA HOME, WHERE THE DAD, THE PASTOR OF THE LOGUS OF LIFE CHURCH, AND WIFE RAISED 10 KIDS!

JAMES FOISIA WAS A SCHOLAR..(1330 ON THE S.A.T.TEST)..IN HIGH SCHOOL THROUGH COLLEGE!

HE WORKED HIS WAY UP TO SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR AT SCOTT PARK FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS!

HE SAVED MANY LIVES BY HIS GUIDANCE OF YOUTH AND HELPED MANY FAMILIES AFFORD FOR THEIR KIDS TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS , MANY TIMES PAYING FOR THEM OUT OF HIS OWN POCKET!

PERSONALLY, JAMES WAS ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS IN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE..AS WE PLAYED FOOTBALL ON CHAMPIONSHIP HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE TEAMS, HE WAS IN MY WEDDING, HE WAS THERE WHEN I NEEDED HIM..WE WORKED TOGETHER AS SCHOOL SECURITY AT CARSON HIGH, WE RAN A HUGE CARSON POOL HALL "JOEY'S BILLARDS, FOR YEARS... IN ALL MY ASSOCIATIONS WITH JAMES FOISIA, HE WAS ALWAYS WILLING TO GO BEYOND IN HELPING PERSONS IN NEED.HE WAS A MAN OF GREAT INTEGRITY AND LEVITY AS WELL!

HAVING THE PARK NAMED AFTER JAMES WOULD BE A LASTING REMINDER TO ALL THAT HIS SERVICE TO THE CARSON COMMUNITY WILL BE A LASTING AND RICHLY DESERVED TRIBUTE!

PLEASE DO THIS ..AS THE PARK WILL TRIPLE ITS NOTORIETY WITH PRIDE AND CLASS!..FOR ALL

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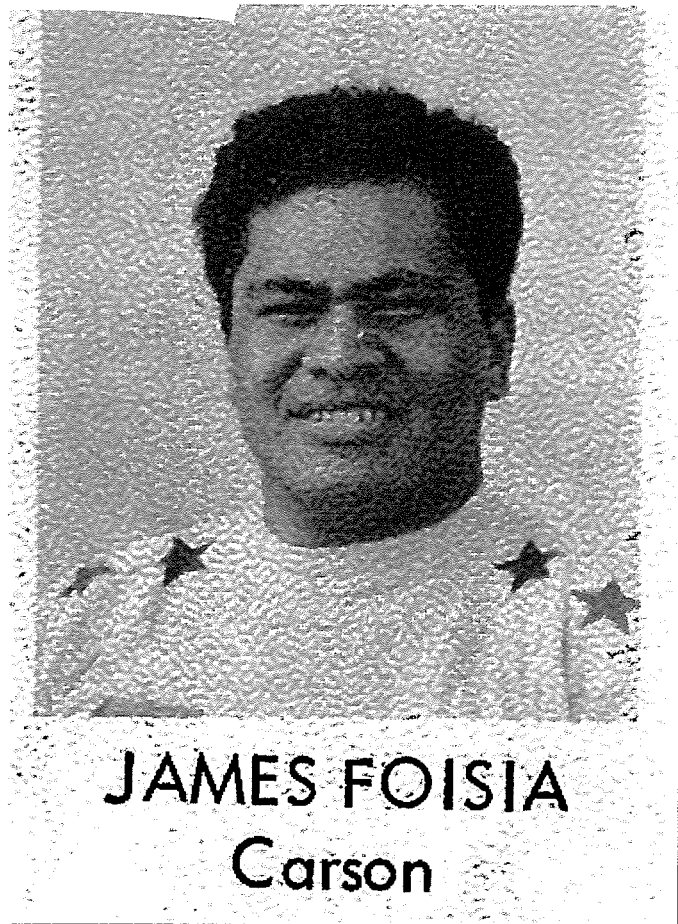
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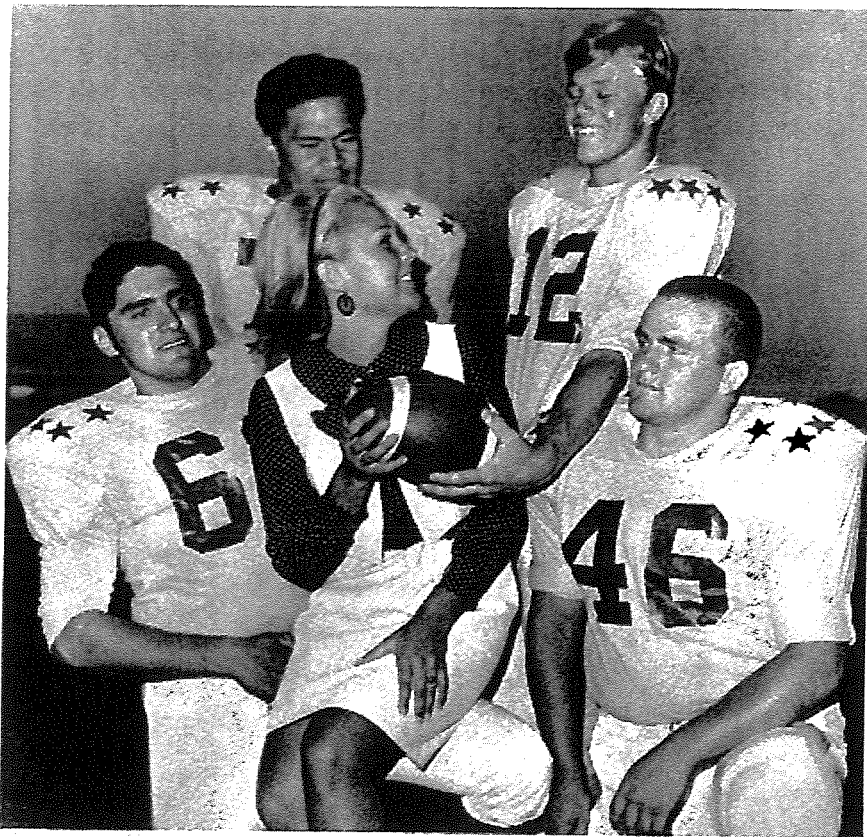
THANK YOU FOR READING THIS AND CALL ME FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BIG JAMES FOISIA!

LSTLY..JAMES LOVED KIDS.(PIC OF HIM HOLDING MY SON (NOW LEAD GUITAR FOR "STEEL PULSE" REGGAE BAND) & NEXT TO MY DAUGHTER.AND PEOPLE IN GENERAL..AND HE WAS LOVED BACK BY THE RESPECT AND SERVICE GIVEN BACK TO HIM!

RESPECTFULLY,

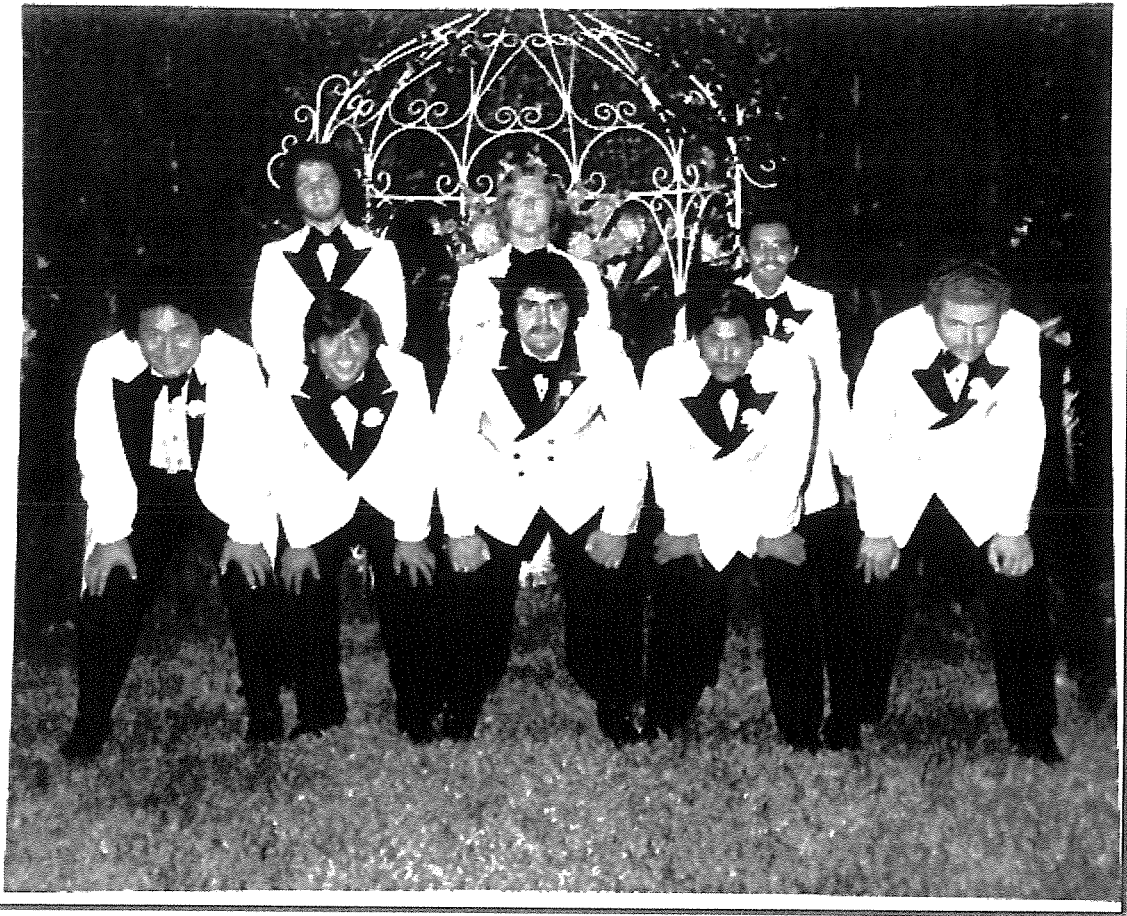
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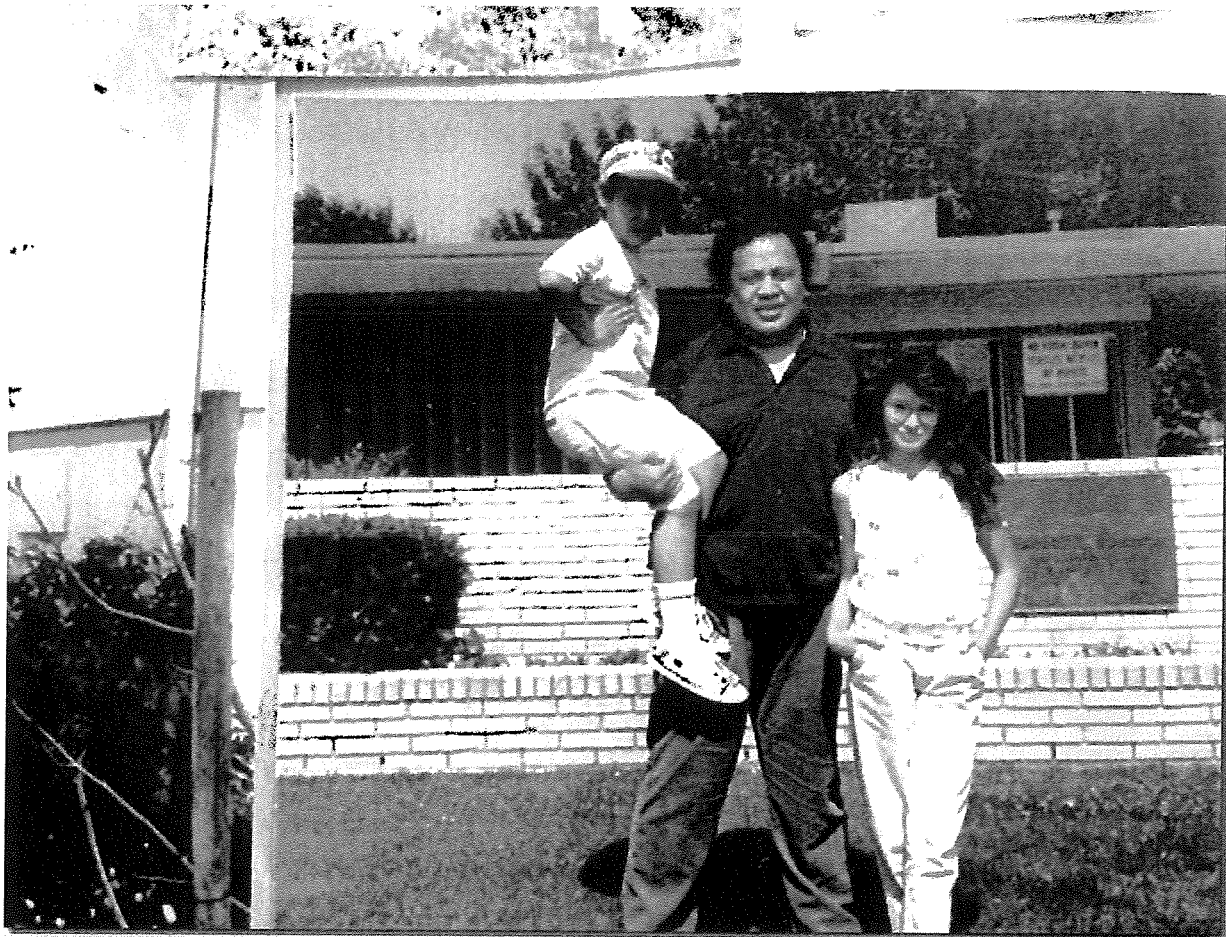


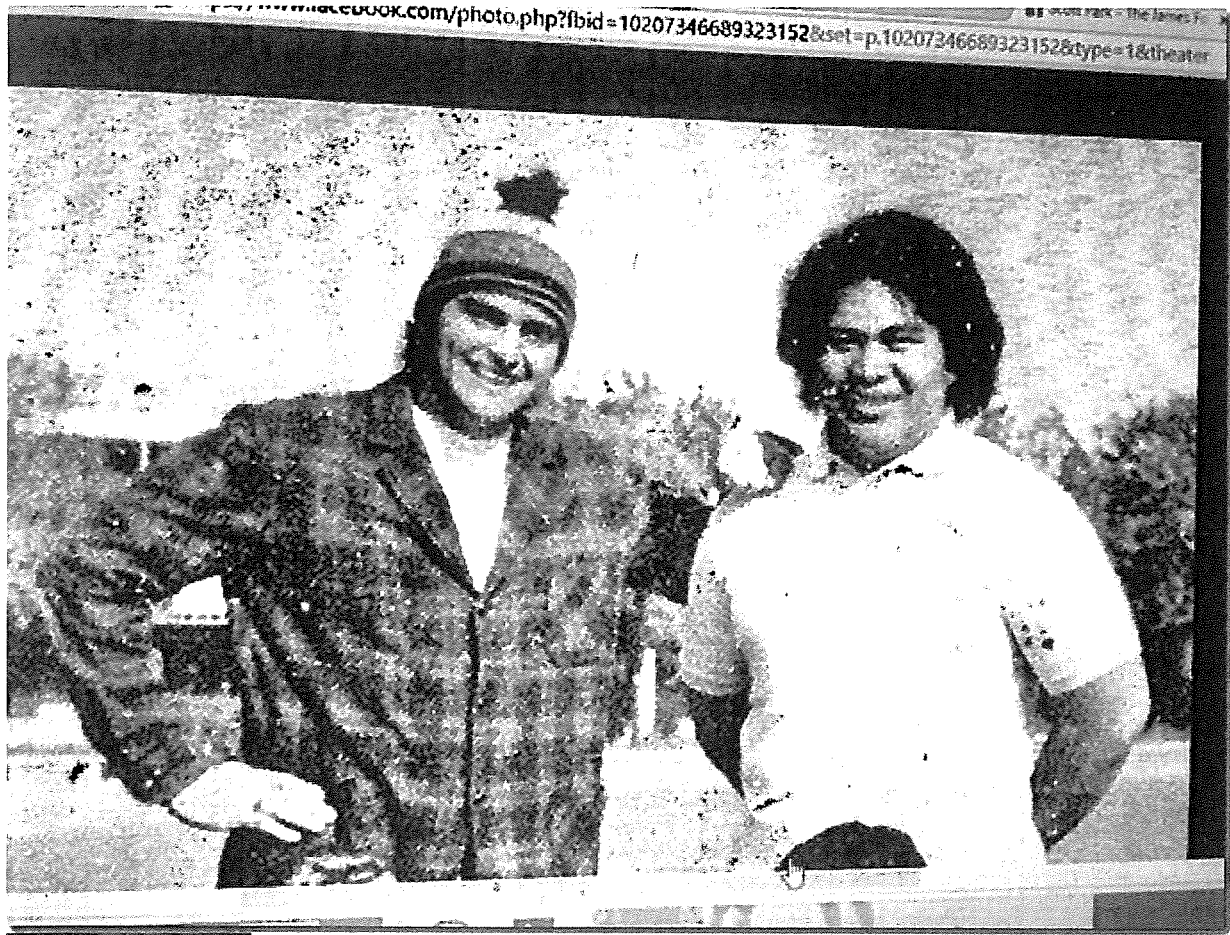
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