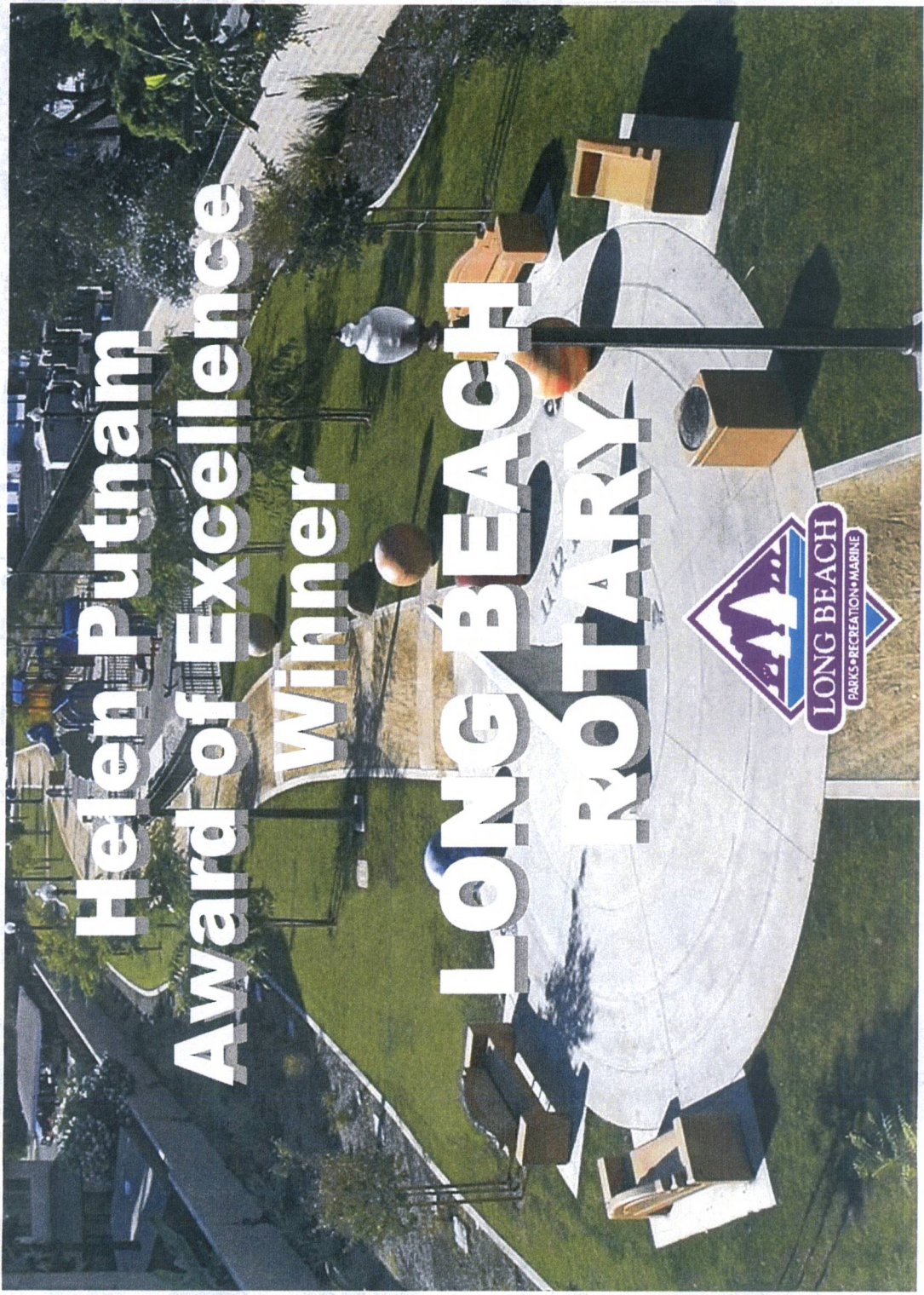
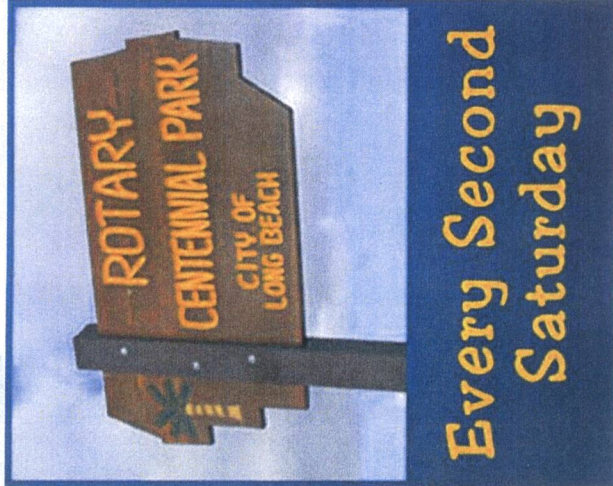


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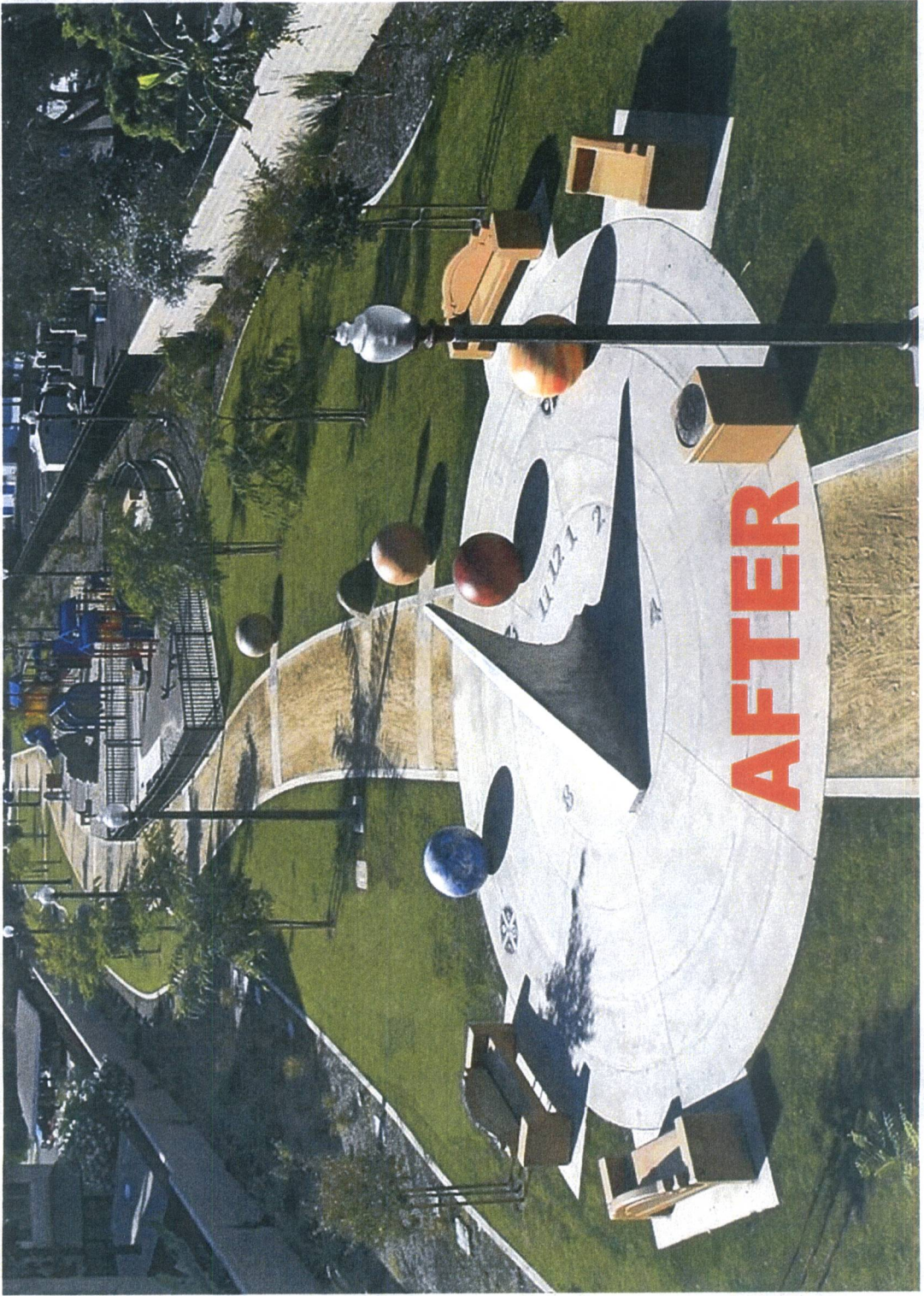




**Long Beach Rotary's involvement in Rotary Centennial Park earned the League of California Cities Helen Putnam Award of Excellence.**



**BEFORE**





**On May 18, 2004, Long Beach Rotary raised over \$100,000 to design and construct Rotary Centennial Park in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rotary International in 2005.**



**Rotary Centennial Park Groundbreaking Ceremony  
on November 3, 2004.**



**Rotary Centennial Park Dedication Ceremony on May 21, 2005,  
the date of Rotary International's 100th anniversary.**



**Rotary Centennial Park Grand Opening on June 25, 2005.**





**The Rotary motto is “Service About Self.” Long Beach Rotarians volunteer their time every second Saturday of the month for ongoing maintenance and beautification projects at the park.**











**Long Beach Rotary has also adopted the adjacent block, Stanton Place, to include in their maintenance efforts.**



**On October 10, 2007, Rotary International President Wilf Wilkenson helped plant the first of 90 trees in Long Beach to celebrate Long Beach Rotary's 90th year in the City.**



**Long Beach Rotary, along with Councilmember O'Donnell and Parks, Recreation & Marine started "Park Watch" to involve the community in preventing crime and vandalism in City parks.**





**Rotary Centennial Park is a safe place to play for youth who live near the former rail line right-of-way.**

