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'A Grave Injustice'



Demolition on Johnie's Broiler started Sunday afternoon and continued until Downey police stopped it some two hours later. By then, however, the damage had been done. Photo by Art Montoya

Johnie's Broiler reduced to rubble

■ Community in shock over illegal demolition of Johnie's Broiler. Owner says he's a victim also.

BY ERIC PIERCE
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – Downey residents cried for justice. City officials promised to deliver it.

The Downey community was reeling this week over news of the Sunday afternoon bulldozing of Johnie's Broiler, a 1950's style diner community members had been trying to get designated historic for years.

No permits were pulled for the demolition, which was halted by Downey police at approximately 5:30 p.m. Sunday, according to Downey Police Chief Roy Campos.

Campos, along with a near majority of the Downey City Council, said an investigation was ongoing but promised to prosecute those responsible for the destruction "to the fullest extent of the law."

The owner of Johnie's Broiler, meanwhile, told *The Downey Patriot* he was unaware of the demolition, did not authorize it, and was "in shock" when it happened.

"I had no idea they were going to tear Johnie's down," Cristos Smyrniotis, a Downey resident himself, said in a telephone interview Tuesday. "The tenants did something very stupid. They created this mess themselves, tearing down the building with no permits.

"This is ridiculous."

Smyrniotis purchased the restaurant, then called Harvey's Broiler, in 1965 and changed the name to Johnie's Broiler in 1966. The restaurant closed in 2002 and the property was leased to a used car dealership.

"I'm a victim, too," Smyrniotis said. "When I [woke] up in the morning, I used to look up and look proudly at Johnie's and say, 'That's my place.' I'm sad and disappointed. You didn't have to bulldoze that place. It wasn't necessary."

Smyrniotis placed the blame of the destruction on his tenants, whom he (along with police) declined to identify. Smyrniotis said his tenants operated the property and said he personally was against tearing down Johnie's, at least illegally.

"This is too obvious," Smyrniotis said, referring to the Sunday afternoon demolition. "I have been building and bulldozing buildings in Downey for 40 years. I know you need permits; it is written in black and white in the lease."

Smyrniotis also said he told his tenants "not to be afraid of those people," referring to City Hall officials.

"If you want to do construction, you go to the City and you get permits," Smyrniotis said. "These city officials are only doing their job."

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Request to tear down Johnie's previously denied

■ Property owner sought to rebuild Johnie's Broiler into retail center last November.

BY ERIC PIERCE
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – Architects representing Johnie's Broiler submitted an application to the city on October 13 of last year seeking permission to rebuild the property into a "retail shopping mart."

In a letter dated November 17, 2006, the request was denied by the Downey's Planning Department, calling the application "incomplete."

The letter was addressed to Richard Stupin of RAS Associates and copied to Cristos Smyrniotis, owner of the Johnie's Broiler property. The text of the letter is below:

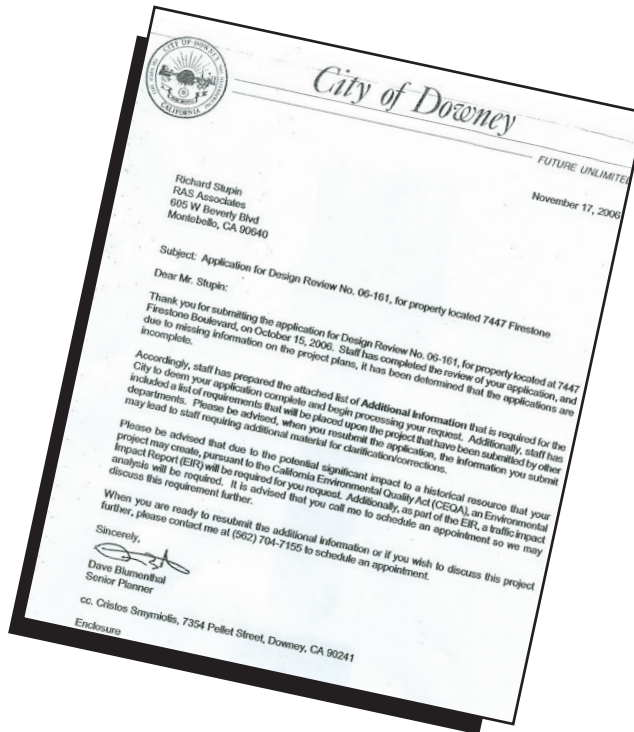
"Subject: Application for Design Review No. 06-161, for property located 7447 Firestone

Dear Mr. Stupin:

Thank you for submitting the application for Design Review No. 06-161, for property located at 7447 Firestone Boulevard, on October 15, 2006. Staff has completed the review of your application, and due to missing information on the project plans, it has been determined that the applications are incomplete.

Accordingly, staff has prepared the attached list of **Additional Information** that is required for the City to deem your application complete and begin processing your request. Additionally, staff has included a list of requirements that will be placed upon the project that have been submitted by other departments. Please be advised, when you resubmit the application, the information you submit may lead to staff requiring additional material for clarification/corrections.

Please be advised that due to the potential significant impact to a historical resource that your project may create, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be required for you [sic] request. Additionally, as part of the



EIR, a traffic impact analysis will be required. It is advised that you call me to schedule an appointment so we may discuss this requirement further.

When you are ready to resubmit the additional information or if you wish to discuss this project further, please contact me at (562) 704-7155 to schedule an appointment.

Sincerely,
Dave Blumenthal
Senior Planner"

Anticipating protests, Trejo keeps address brief

BY HENRY VENERACION
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY—In remarks that were succinct and brief, anticipating the slew of speakers that would engulf the Council proceedings protesting the demolition Sunday of Johnie's Broiler, incoming Mayor Rick Trejo's address Tuesday emphasized keeping Downey "beautiful, appealing, safe, protected," and, with concentrated efforts at economic development, "prosperous."

This behooved public participation, he said, while noting the huge contribution already being made by employment-generating Kaiser-Permanente. He also mentioned the start of construction soon of the new park at the old Boeing site, the centerpiece of which will be the Columbia Space Learning Center.

The Council meanwhile:

•Received and filed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which summarizes the financial activities of the city, for the fiscal year ended June30, 2006;

•Appropriated \$7,177 of additional Literacy Grant Funds from the

California Library Literacy Services (CLLS);

•Approved an agreement with MV Transportation to provide part-time drivers for Dial-A-Ride buses; this involves transfer of \$40,000 from temporary salaries to Contract services, and the appropriation of \$20,000 from Proposition A funds to Contract services;

•Approved an increase of taxicab meter rates per request by Fiesta Taxi;

•Authorized the issuance of a change order in the amount of \$200,000 for the installation of recycled water main improvements and fiber optic conduit on Stewart and Gray Rd. between Bellflower Blvd. and the City utility yard;

•Approved a right-of-way purchase agreement with Gamiel Hanein for a permanent roadway easement at 12961 Lakewood Blvd. for \$75,000 for the Lakewood Blvd. improvement project;

•Approved extension of agreement with Lehman, English, Kelly & O'Keefe for an additional one-year period for general advocacy services in Sacramento;

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Photo courtesy Adriene Biondo, Los Angeles Conservancy

Johnie's Broiler popular with Hollywood studios

BY ERIC PIERCE
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – With its Googie architecture and authentic 1950's grandeur, Johnie's Broiler has long been a favorite of Hollywood movie studios.

In fact, the restaurant has been featured in a multitude of films, television shows and commercials, all eager to take advantage of Johnie's nostalgic allure. Among the films that employed Johnie's were:

•*Can't Hardly Wait* starring Jennifer Love-Hewitt

•*Jawbreaker* starring Rose McGowan

•*Heat* starring Al Pacino and Robert De Niro

•*What's Love Got to Do with It?* starring Angela Basset and Laurence Fishburne

•*Unstrung Heroes* starring Michael Richards

•*Midnight Madness* with Michael J. Fox

•*Reality Bites* starring Winona Ryder and Ethan Hawke

•*Short Cuts* starring Tim Robbins

•*The Game* starring Michael Douglas and Sean Penn

Johnie's Broiler was also converted into a bus station for an episode of "The X-Files" in 1999.

Conservancy group tried to save Johnie's

■ Los Angeles Conservancy requested updates on Johnie's Broiler back in 2002. City complied.

BY ERIC PIERCE
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – The Los Angeles Conservancy, a historic preservation group which works to protect local structures it deems culturally significant, wrote a letter to the City of Downey nearly five years ago asking it be kept informed of any developments with Johnie's Broiler.

The letter was addressed to Mark Sellheim of the City of Downey Planning Division and dated January 28, 2002. It reads:

"Dear Mr. Sellheim:
Thank you for speaking with me today about the future of Johnie's Broiler, one of Downey's best-loved and most significant sites of mid-century Modernism. I am writing to request officially that the Conservancy be notified of any permit application, public hearing, or CEQA documentation related to this site.

The Los Angeles Conservancy is the countywide historic preservation organization for the Los Angeles area. The Conservancy is the largest local historic preservation organization in the United States, with over 7,000 member households.

Also, I am sending along the information you requested on CEQA and historical resources. I have marked the sections addressing resources that have not previously been designated or surveyed. I would be happy to refer you to staff at the State Office of Historic Preservation if you have further questions on the application of CEQA.

Just as the Conservancy was instrumental in preserving Downey's landmark McDonald's, we would welcome the opportunity to work cooperatively with the property owner and City staff to identify a preservation solution that contributes to Downey's economic vitality.

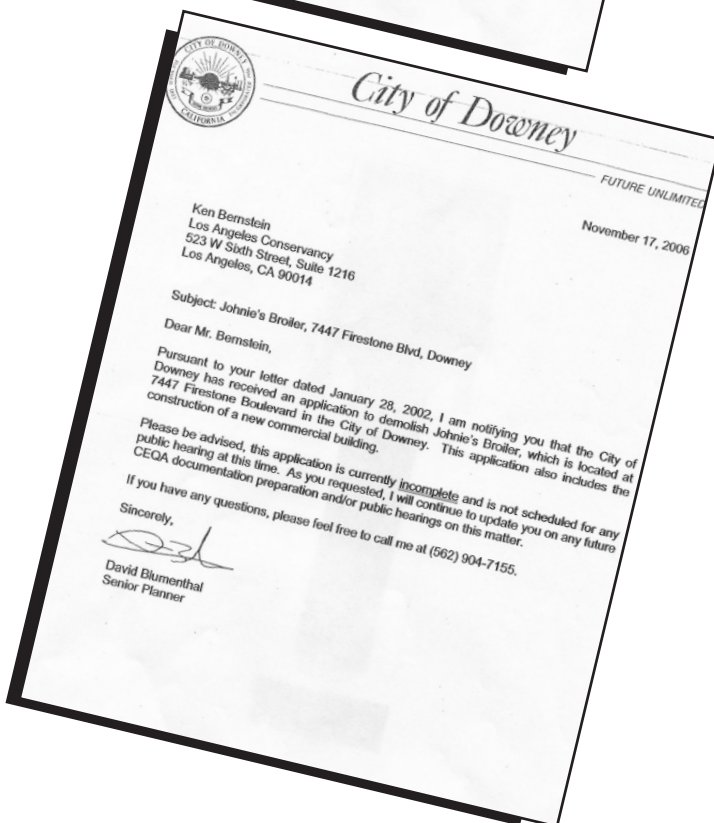
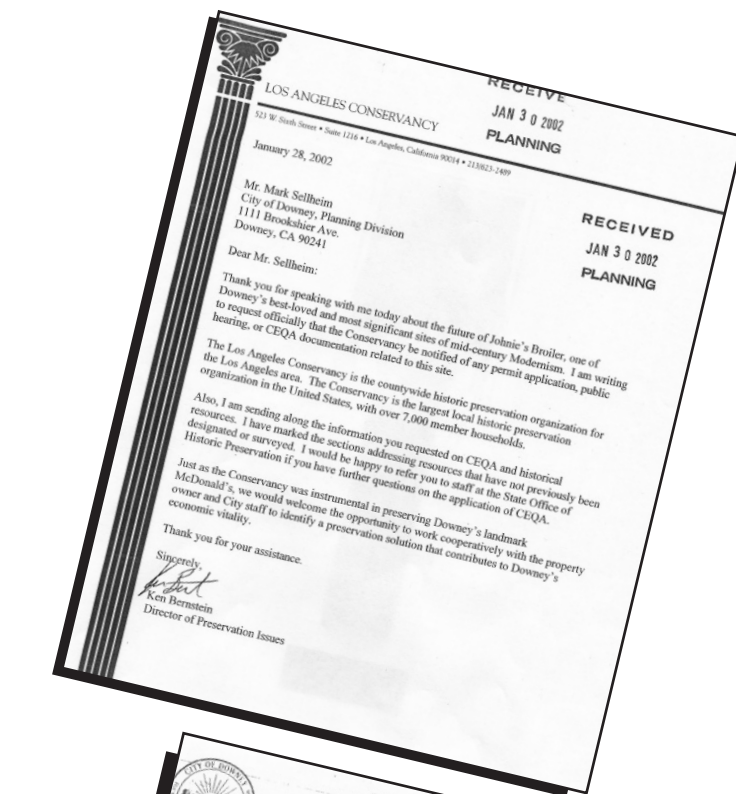
Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Ken Bernstein
Director of Preservation Issues"

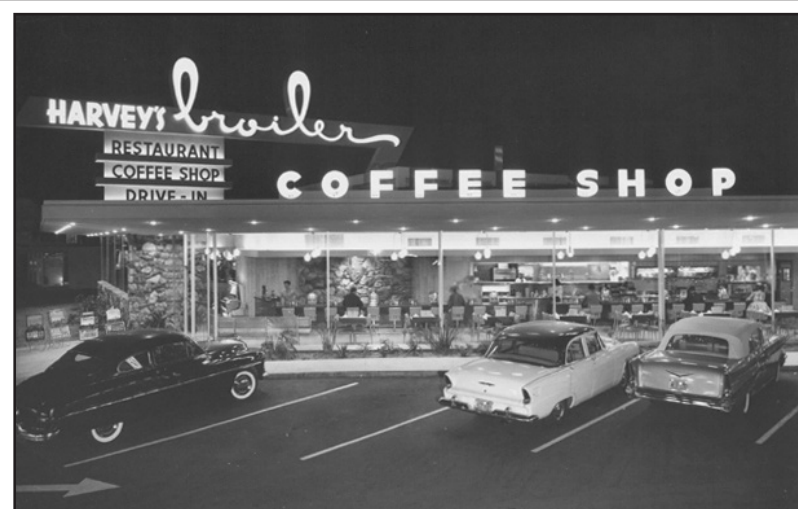
When the city received an application in October, 2006 seeking to tear down Johnie's Broiler, David Blumenthal of the City of Downey Planning Division wrote back to Bernstein, notifying him of the request. The letter is dated November 17, 2006.

"Dear Mr. Bernstein,
Pursuant to your letter dated January 28, 2002, I am notifying you that the City of Downey has received an application to demolish Johnie's Broiler, which is located at 7447 Firestone Boulevard in the City of Downey. This application also includes the construction of a new commercial building.

Please be advised, this application is currently incomplete and is not scheduled for any public hearing at this time. As you requested, I will continue to update you on any future CEQA documentation preparation and/or public hearings on this matter.



If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (562) 904-7155.
Sincerely,
David Blumenthal
Senior Planner"



Harvey's Broiler opened in 1958 and was named after the restaurant's owner, Harvey Ortner. Harvey's was sold in 1965 to its present-day owner, Christos Smyrniotis, who changed its name to Johnie's Broiler. Photo courtesy Adriene Biondo

JOHNIE'S

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Smyrniotis said he was shocked when he got word of the demolition Sunday.

"I was having breakfast with my wife when I got a phone call from the Downey Fire Department," Smyrniotis told The Patriot. "They said, 'Are you the owner of Johnie's Broiler?' I said yes and they said, 'You better come down here.'

"So I go down there and the police is there, the fire is there, code enforcement, media. Everybody and their mother is there. I was in shock at the destruction."

No matter who ordered the demolition, what isn't in dispute is that bulldozing began on Johnie's with the gas and electricity still turned on, a fact confirmed by Downey police.

One city official, wishing to remain anonymous, said the workers used in the demolition "were picked up outside the Home Depot."

Private security has been guarding Johnie's throughout the week. A city engineer was scheduled to visit the site to inspect damage, officials said.

Johnie's Broiler, built in 1958, was nominated for historic preservation by the State of California in 2002. That status never went into effect, however, because Smyrniotis never signed the necessary paperwork, Scott Pomrehn, assistant to the Downey city manager, said.

Designating Johnie's Broiler a historic site, while providing Smyrniotis with various tax benefits, would have placed several restrictions on the property, including drastic limitations on construction.

And that's something Smyrniotis may have been opposed to, judging from an application Smyrniotis submitted to the city last October seeking to tear down the restaurant and replace it with a food court and strip mall. (See copies of the application and blueprints on page 3.)

When asked about the application, Smyrniotis said his tenants were the ones who made the request, not him, although his signature does appear on the form.

The City of Downey Planning Division ultimately sent a letter to See JOHNIE'S, page 4

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 Downey, CA 90241
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Case No: 06-167 PAID!
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 USER:15 Total: \$790.00
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 PLANNING

A PLANNING APPLICATION REQUESTED:

CODE AMENDMENT (CA) MINOR ZONE VARIANCE (MZV)
 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) SECOND UNIT DEVELOPMENT (SUD)
 DESIGN REVIEW (DRB) SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT (SP)
 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) TENTATIVE TRACT/PARCEL MAP (TT/TPM)
 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA) ZONE CHANGE (ZC)
 LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT (LLA) ZONE VARIANCE (ZV)
 LOT MERGER (LM) OTHER (MISC)

B PROJECT INFORMATION:
7447 FIRESTONE BLVD 6249 030 004
 PROPERTY UNDER APPLICATION ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER(S)
 REQUEST DESCRIPTION REMOVE EXIST. USED CAR SALES OFFICE & CONSTRUCT NEW 1 STORY RETAIL MALL

C PROPERTY OWNER(S) INFORMATION:
CRISTOS SMYRNIOTIS
 NAME
7 OWNER
 COMPANY / BUSINESS
 ADDRESS
DOWNEY CA 90241
 CITY / STATE / ZIP
 PHONE
 FAX

D AUTHORIZED AGENT INFORMATION:
RICHARD STUPIN
 NAME
RAS ASSOCIATES/ARCHITECT
 COMPANY / BUSINESS
605 W BEVERLY BLVD
 ADDRESS
MONTEBELLO CA 90640
 CITY / STATE / ZIP
323 728 2534
 PHONE
323 728 3828
 FAX

E SIGNATURE: *[Signature]*
 SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER(S) / AUTHORIZED AGENT
 DATE

F OWNER'S AFFIDAVIT:
 I/We, the owner of the subject property(ies), hereby authorize RICHARD STUPIN
 AUTHORIZED AGENT'S NAME
 to submit this application regarding the above stated project and shall be the representative at all required meetings.
 SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER(S) / DATE

TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY STAFF
 Received by: DS Assigned to:
 Date: 10-13-06 Fee: \$790.00
 Zone: C-2 GP: GC
 CEQA: EIR HNM/Map #:
 Tentative Hearing Date:

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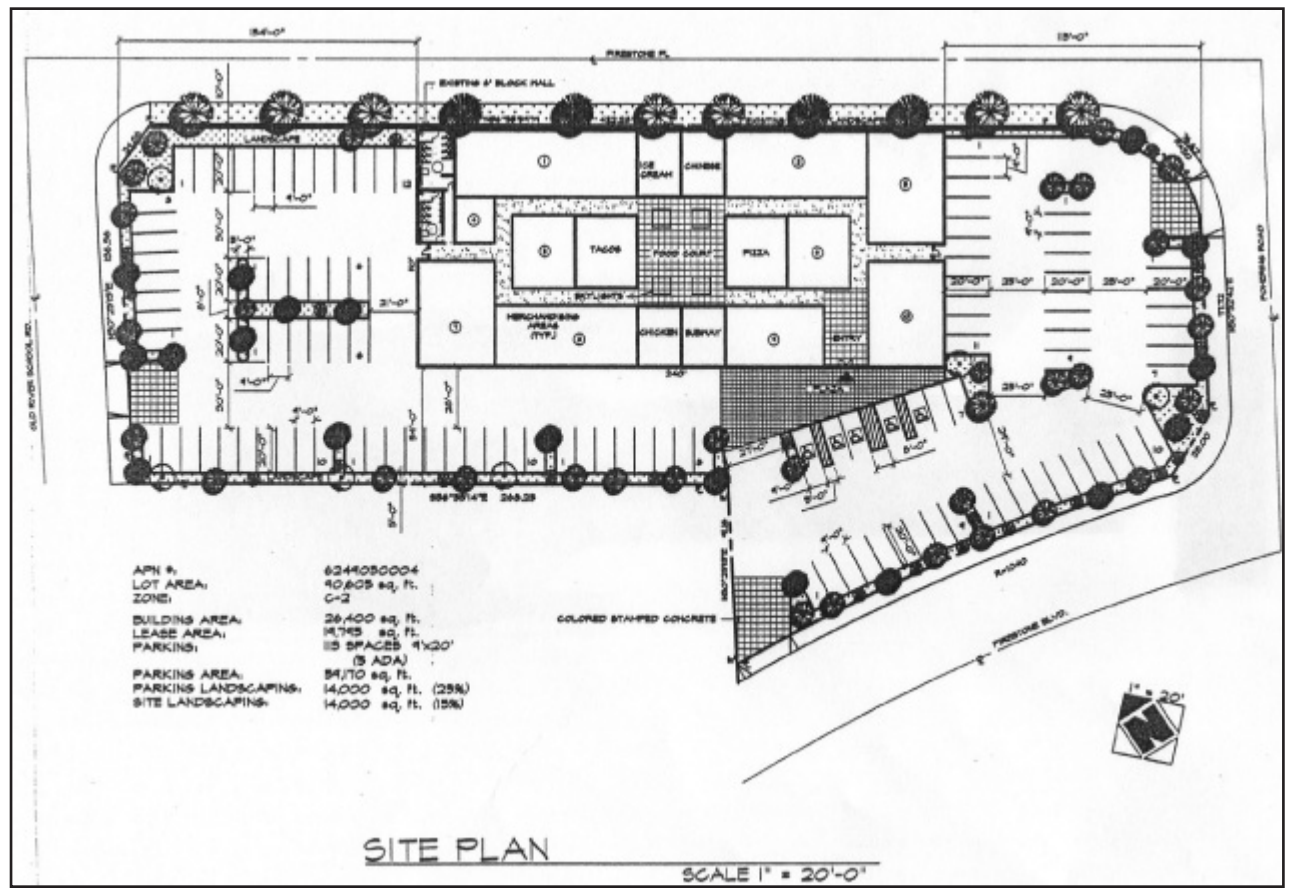
ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FORM
 City of Downey Planning Division
 11111 Brookshire Avenue
 Downey, CA 90241
 Voice: (562) 904-7154 Fax: (562) 904-7135

A GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Address of project: 7447 FIRESTONE BLVD
 2. Assessor Parcel Number(s): 6249 030 004
 3. Name, address & phone number of authorized representative: RICHARD STUPIN, ARCHITECT
605 W BEVERLY BLVD
MONTEBELLO CA 90640
323 728 2534
 4. List and describe any other related permits and other public approvals required for this project (including city, regional, state and federal agencies): BLDG PERMIT, SCAQMD
OSHA
 5. Existing zoning: C-2
 6. Proposed use of site: RETAIL SALES
 7. Date Environmental Information Form was completed: 10/13/06

B PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

1. Site size: .90 605 SF
 2. Project square footage: 26,400 SF
 3. Number of floors of construction: 1 STORY
 4. Number of off-street parking spaces provided: 113
 5. Proposed construction schedule: JAN 2007 - NOV 2007
 6. Anticipated associated development in the future: N/A
 7. Identify whether the project is residential, commercial, industrial or institutional and complete the corresponding questions in the lines below:
 RESIDENTIAL Include the number of units, schedule of unit sizes and range of sale prices or rents:
 COMMERCIAL Indicate the type, whether neighborhood, community or regionally oriented, square footage of sales area and loading facilities:
 INDUSTRIAL Indicate type, estimated numbers of employees per square foot and loading facilities:
 INSTITUTIONAL Indicate the major function, estimated number of employees per square foot, estimated occupancy and loading facilities:
RETAIL SHOPPING MALL, COMMUNITY ORIENTED



Documents show what developers had in mind for Johnie's Broiler when they submitted these plans to the City of Downey on October 13, 2006. The application was rejected by the City.

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C ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:
 Are the following items applicable to the project or its effects? Discuss below all items checked YES (attach additional sheets as necessary):

	YES	NO
1. Change in scenic views or vistas:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Change in pattern, scale or character of general area of project:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Significant amounts of solid waste:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Change or alteration of existing drainage patterns:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Substantial change in existing noise or vibration levels in the vicinity:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Use of disposal of potentially hazardous materials, such as toxic substances, flammable or explosives:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Substantial increase in fossil fuel consumption (electricity, oil natural gas, etc.):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Substantial change in demand for municipal services (police, fire, water, sewage, etc.):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9. Relationship to a larger project or series of projects:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

D ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING:

1. Describe the project site as it exists before the project, including information on topography, soil stability, plants and animals, and any cultural, historical or scenic aspects. Describe any existing structures on the site, and the use of the structures (attach additional sheets if necessary):
THE SITE IS FLAT, ASPHALT PAVING & A DETERIORATING 7000 SF STRUCT. THE SITE SLOPES TO FIRESTONE BLVD. THE EXIST BUILDING IS CURRENTLY A USED AUTO SALES FACILITY

2. Describe the surrounding properties, including information on plants and animals and any cultural, historical or scenic aspects. Indicate the types of land uses (residential, commercial, etc.), intensity of land uses (one-family, apartment houses, shops, department stores, etc.), and scale of development (height, frontage, set-back, rear yard, etc.) (attach additional sheets if necessary):
ACROSS THE STREET ON FIRESTONE PL ARE 2 ST APRT, ACROSS THE STREET ON OLD RIVERSCHOOL RD 2 STORY CONDOS, ACROSS THE STREET ON POMERING - 1 STORY COMM, ACROSS THE STREET ON FIRESTONE BLVD - 1 STORY COMM

E CERTIFICATION:
 I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and the attached exhibits present the date and information required for the initial evaluation of the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements and information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:
 SIGNATURE: *[Signature]* DATE: 10/13/06

Blueprint shows what would have replaced Johnie's

DOWNEY – A site plan prepared by the architectural firm of Richard A. Stupin Associates was submitted to the City of Downey Planning Division last October, calling for the demolition of Johnie's Broiler.

The application was rejected by the City a month later, calling the property "historical" and requesting more information.

The proposal called for a mixed food court and retail strip, with spaces allocated for six small restaurants, a "merchandising area," and 113 parking spaces.

Sky lights and colored stamped concrete would also have been included.

Missing from the blueprint, however, is the famous Johnie's Broiler "Fat Boy" sign, which would have been replaced with a parking lot.

A letter was composed rejecting the plan (see page 1), the city's last official contact with representatives of Johnie's Broiler before the building was illegally bulldozed Sunday. --Eric Pierce

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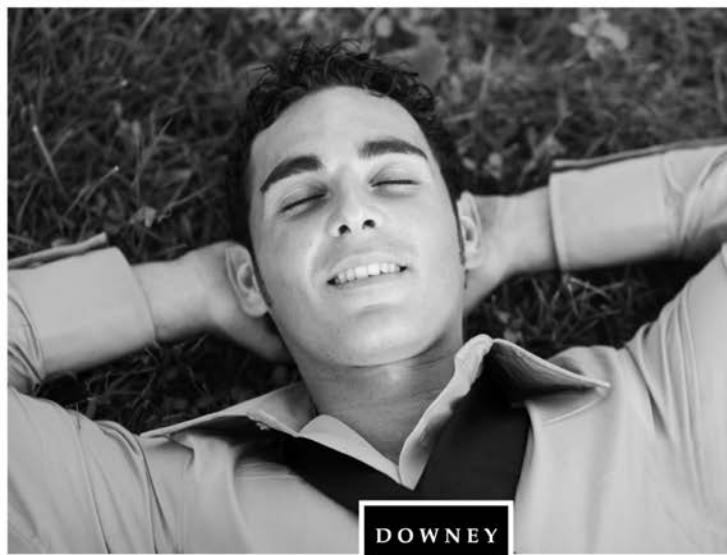
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Smyrniotis and his architect, RAS Associates, on November 17, 2006, rejecting the application and calling it "incomplete." That, city officials said, was the last communication between the city and representatives of Johnie's Broiler until the demolition on Sunday.

It remains unclear how much of Johnie's can be salvaged; most of the inside building appears to have been gutted (city officials expressed privately that gutting was probably taking place in small increments over a long period of time) although the famous "Fat Boy" sign remains intact.

Over 100 people packed City Council chambers Tuesday, calling for the prosecution of the persons responsible for the demolition. Residents also asked that Johnie's be restored to its original state, but this time operating as a restaurant and not a used car dealership.

City Council members expressed similar outrage. Councilman Dave Gafin said he didn't "want one violation, no matter how minor, to be overlooked. We must send a message."

Kirk Cartozian said he was in agreement with the audience. "We have the same opinions as you do," Cartozian said. "It's embarrassing what happened... A grave injustice occurred."

Mario Guerra said he received e-mails about Johnie's from as far away as Amsterdam. "I cannot believe this is actually happening," Guerra said. "This is wrong and this will not stand."

Mayor Rick Trejo said the city will "do everything possible to restore what was there and protect Johnie's Broiler."

Councilwoman Anne Bayer said she was reserving comment until the investigation was complete.

The City Council met in closed session Tuesday where they were briefed by the police chief. The council is also said to have discussed their legal options with city attorneys.

Officials said options for Johnie's include forcing Smyrniotis to restore the restaurant and taking a more determined lead in designating the property historic. Officials said the process would be difficult without Smyrniotis' consent, however, and likened the process to eminent domain.

Who was Harvey Ortner?

Harvey Ortner was the founder and original owner of Johnie's Broiler. A Midwesterner all the way, he spent several years working in the automotive field, first with Ford Motor Company in Oklahoma City, then with General Motors. He was transferred to the GM plant in South Gate in 1936 where he would stay until 1952.

Ortner first got into the restaurant business in 1949, when he became a partner in a small restaurant in Lynwood called "Clock Broilers." The



Downey Police Chief Roy Campos, left, and Downey Fire Chief Mark Sauter at Tuesday's city council meeting. Photo by Art Montoya



Blue tarps were draped over its signage when Johnie's Broiler was leased to a used car dealership in 2002. Photo courtesy Adriene Biondo

restaurant flourished, and additional locations would soon open throughout the Southland.

It was during these expansions that Ortner met Paul B. Clayton, a local architect with offices on Firestone Boulevard who would help Ortner with the development and expansion of Clock Broilers.

Ortner eventually dissolved his partnership with Clock Broilers and worked with Clayton on building a new restaurant in Downey at Firestone Boulevard and Old River School Road, the famous Harvey's Broiler.

--Eric Pierce

The Poets' Corner

Editor Emeritus

John Quincy Adams
 What a great name to hang on a kid
 But it stuck
 And he lived up to it as best he could.
 Newsmen in Frisco
 And other places
 And then he came to Downey
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 Then *The Eagle*
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 The best of good friends always
 So now he'll be Editor Emeritus
 Hope that means he'll
 Keep on writing
 Off into the sunset

—John Vincent,
 Downey

Johnie's architecture stood tests of time

BY ERIC PIERCE
 CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – Johnie's Broiler was put before the State of California Resources Agency in 2002 in an attempt to be placed on the state's historic register.

The application detailed the construction and rich history of Johnie's, a portion of which appears below.

Johnie's Broiler, a combination coffee shop and drive-in restaurant, is located in the city of Downey on a two-acre site bordered by Firestone Boulevard, Old River School Road, Pomeroy Avenue, and Firestone Place. Completed in 1958, the business was originally named "Harvey's Broiler" after founder/owner Harvey Ortner. The building's plan and placement on a large lot on a busy highway is a direct consequence of the evolution of coffee shop/drive-in design over several decades.

Johnie's Broiler was one of the last coffee shop/drive-ins constructed in Southern California and therefore incorporates the time-tested 'Googie' elements associated with the coffee shop and drive-in architectural types. In essence, 'Googie' meant designing the entire building to read as a sign to attract customers: strongly articulated rooflines, glass walls, brightly lit interiors and exteriors, enormous 'V' shaped car canopies, semi-exhibition cooking, and gigantic signage. Johnie's Broiler took full advantage of all of these characteristic elements and experienced phenomenal commercial

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Justice for Johnie's

By Eric Pierce

Cries of justice reverberated through City Hall Tuesday night as citizen after citizen took to the open-floor podium, pleading with officials and police to make right a 'grave injustice.'

Indeed, what happened to Johnie's Broiler Sunday was not only a blatant disregard for this city's laws, it was a slap in the face to this city's citizenry, who for years have fought an uphill battle to make Johnie's a historical landmark.

The demolition of Johnie's angered this city to its core. Johnie's was a slice of pure Americana, right in our own backyard, for the city to cherish and treasure.

Just who ordered the demolition is still unclear, but the perpetrator illustrated a clear disdain for this city and its people.

The destruction of Johnie's was devastating on so many levels, and it doesn't make sense. We echo Mario Guerra's sentiments when he says he can't believe somebody would have the gall to pull off such an obvious act of contempt and insolence.

The destruction of Johnie's was repulsive.

It was antagonistic.

It was taunting.

But, most of all, it was illegal.

The Downey City Council (well, most of it anyway, we're still waiting on Anne Bayer) has already gone on record as saying they plan to prosecute the people responsible for the destruction to the fullest extent of the law.

We support that action, and plan to document the progression of justice from start to finish.

Letters to the Editor:

Save Johnie's

Dear Editor,

As many of you may know, our beloved Harvey's/ Johnie's Broiler, the famous 1950's "Googie Style" diner, has been partially demolished. There was no demolition permit(s) pulled for any work to be done on the property. In sheer disregard for the law, the owner allowed this landmark to be dismantled.

Our city needs to see justice served by making the owner assume responsibility for his actions to the fullest extent of the law. We also need to implement a historic preservation ordinance in Downey to help to prevent this kind of lawlessness from happening again.

As many of you know, I did my best to stop the influx of "mansionization" in Downey (the act of tearing down ranch style homes and replacing them with huge, out-of-place structures). Downey code 91.10.14 (*The architecture and general appearance of the building shall be in keeping with the character of the neighborhood and such as not to be detrimental to the general welfare of the neighborhood in which they are located.*) is designed to prevent our neighborhoods from being destroyed and losing their character. However, when certain codes are not followed and not properly enforced by the city, the results are devastating. To view proof of this devastation, take a drive through our residential neighborhoods to see the effects of the blatant disregard for code 91.10.14.

Johnie's Broiler in many cases has been neglected. Codes for painting and repair have not been enforced causing people to feel they can do as they please because the city chooses not to enforce the codes. If action is taken, the city can prevent this unfortunate event from happening again to one of the other historical pieces of Downey such as the Ball/Steer House, Rives Mansion and the original McDonalds located on Florence Ave.

Without an historic preservation ordinance the city will have no control over its historical and cultural resources, causing more unnecessary heartbreak for the residents of Downey unless something is done.

If you are interested in finding information on historic preservation and the benefits it brings to a community, try typing these words into any Internet search engine: "Historical Preservation" and "Home Values." Make sure to use the quotes and you will see the results.

Our city must incorporate historical preservation into the government. We must embrace what our city is: a city full of history and importance. It is time to protect our landmarks; it is time for historical preservation.

Don't let the pattern of destruction continue. Bring back Harvey's Broiler and return our city to its proper standing as one of the best cities in Los Angeles County. We can do this if we unite and stand together.

If you would like to become involved or would like information on historical preservation in Downey, please contact me at preservedowney-homes@yahoo.com.


— **George Redfox,**
Downey Historical Society

Dear Editor:

I have driven many hundreds of miles over the region's boulevards during the past twenty years and am inclined to believe that something of this caliber that is still readily identifiable is quite rare...there can be no question that a building of this type is a very important part of the regional landscape during the postwar era.

— **Richard Longstreth,**
Professor of American Studies, Georgetown University

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Letters to the Editor:

More on Johnie's

Dear Editor:

My name is Shannon Lopez and I wanted to share my story of Johnie's Broiler. I am 32 years old and now residing in Corona but Downey is my hometown. I was born and raised there, actually lived right off of Old River School Road.

This morning, seeing this news on TV, I broke down! It hit me so hard as Johnie's holds a lot of meaning to me. I've spent too many days and nights there with my daddy, at least a hundred times, as I was growing up. My daddy and I use to go there faithfully... together weekly when they had the Harvey's cruise nights in the 80's. My dad had oldies cars and would take them up there every week. That was mine and my daddy's biggest place of memories. (Not to mention the film crew for the movie "License To Drive" used my dad and his '57 Ford convertible in one of the drive-in scenes.) So we spent a couple days/nights there while they shot those scenes.

I so hope they will rebuild it and help the sorrow and pain that many people are now feeling from this horrible demolition. I am completely heartbroken.

— **Shannon Lopez,**
Corona

Dear Editor:

Hi, my name is Kristie Wold and I was a part of "Friends of Johnie's Broiler."

We were successful in getting it preserved and this is the thanks we get. We had problems with the owners from day one. I am planning on being at our City Council meeting (Tuesday) night to voice my opinion.

The City of Downey never seemed to be too concerned about the preservation of Johnie's, which was a mind blower to me. If the city would have been involved, I believe this would not have happened.

— **Kristie Wold,**
Downey

Dear Editor:

I have beautiful memories of this place.

My sister and I were amused at how, during the "energy crisis" in the 70's, when you couldn't even have Christmas lights on your house, this coffee shop would glow like Las Vegas!

Great food, very friendly employees. They would play K-Earth oldies over the ceiling. It was sad enough to have the place close. I went back once to look and couldn't handle visiting again. This is tragic.

— **David Serapis,**
Whittier

Dear Editor:

I was mortified when I saw the pictures of Johnie's. It was in the film "Can't Hardly Wait" with Jennifer Love-Hewitt, Jenna Elfman and others. That and my memories are almost all that's left now.

Who can I write to tell that Downey needs Johnie's as much as the worlds' oldest McDonalds? Make these people pay for restoring some of Downey's history.

We can't let the same thing happen like the tearing down of the old stagecoach stop at Firestone and Downey Avenue.

— **Thurma Hodge,**
Downey

Dear Editor:

I have fond memories of Johnie's Broiler.

When I was a kid my dad and I would go there every Wednesday for the car shows. It was the highlight of the week for me. We would drive our old 1956 Ford into the driveway and drive by the other cars so slow so they would look at our car and we got the chance to look at theirs. My dad and I would show off and all the other cruisers would stare.

I hope the owner rebuilds Johnie's. It is such a shame what happened. I was looking forward to taking my children there to share my memories with them of the good fun we had at Johnie's.

— **Morgan Johnson,**
Downey

Dear Editor:

I went to Johnie's once in the 1980s. I was visiting a friend who lived in Long Beach and we were driving down Firestone talking about where to go for dinner. I saw the neon beacon and said, "There! I want to go THERE!" And we did.

What a fabulous evening bathed in Googie chic. I returned to the East Coast and never saw the place again. I live in Canada now, and can't be there to protest with you. But I send you my angst and support from here.

Somebody, please give a yell for me at one of the protests. This is an outrage!

— **Philip Porado,**
Toronto, Canada

Dear Editor:

I am an immigrant from Germany who came to Los Angeles in January 1999. Since then I am trying to visit and find all the little hidden treasures of L.A. and there are still so many! Unfortunately, I never made it to see Johnie's Broiler - and sadly, now I never will be able to see the original.

First The Ambassador, now Johnie's Broiler... I don't know what will come after this criminal act of destroying a piece of American heritage.

I am sure greed has played a role in this act and the plan will hopefully backfire to those who are responsible for this and I certainly think people in every country should be more aware of preserving their history. Trips to Good Old Europe might be fun, see old castles etc., but if you don't pay attention to what happened in front of your doorsteps, not even your own children will be able to see where you have been growing up.

I hope that Johnie's Broiler will be rebuilt. But even then it will be just a replica when there was a chance to preserve the original.

— **Yvonne P. Behrens,**
Los Angeles

Dear Editor:

The only right thing to do now would be to build the Broiler back to its original beauty and to make sure that this never happens again to any other American landmark. We don't need to be going through this in another 50 years.

Let's protect history and build on its foundation, not demolish it.

— **George Manzanilla,**
Downey

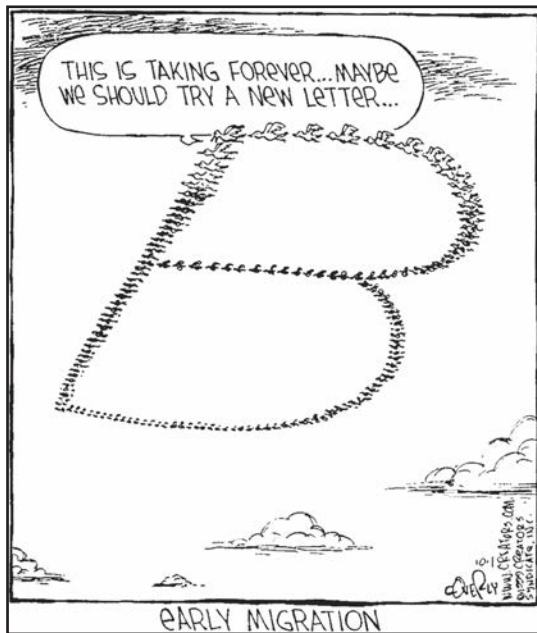
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www.johniesbroiler.com, for helping gather these letters.

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For January

Sat. Jan. 13: **Free-Throw Championship** for kids at OLPH gym, 9 a.m.
Sun. Jan. 14: **"Introduction to Judaism"** at Temple Ner Tamid, 10 a.m.
Wed. Jan. 17: **Bingo Luncheon** at OLPH Parish Center, 10 a.m.

City Meetings

1st Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: **Recreation and Community Services Commission**, Council Chamber, City Hall.
1st Thursday, 9 a.m.: **Traffic Committee**, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall.
2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.: **City Council/Community Development Commission**, Council Chamber.
2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.: **Design Review Board**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.: **Parking Place Commission**, Second Floor Training Room at City Hall

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

6:30 p.m.: **Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 dinner, mtg.**, for information call 426-6786.
6:30 p.m.: **Overeaters Anonymous**, at Downey Regional Med. Center Conf. Room A, for info. call 426-6786.
1st Mon., 4 p.m.: **2nd Century Foundation**, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.
1st Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post 270**, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053.
2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.
2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 861-3989.

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Vince Zoida at (714) 761-4439.
9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
9:30 a.m.: **Adventure with the Bible**, at the First Baptist Church call 928-4153.
12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Darren Dunaway at 806-5400.
12 p.m.: **Exchange Club of Downey**, at Sizzler, for information call Don Hollister at 927-5871.
6:00 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call 928-2658.
7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 441**, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.
7:30 p.m.: **Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.
2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers**, at Nordic Fox, for info. call (562) 923-2191.
2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Bakers Square, for information call (562) 927-6438.
2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.
3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.
Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: **Los Companeros Service Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

Wednesdays

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, for information call 869-8782.
1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493.
1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, for information call 927-9790.
1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Emblem Club #309**, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.
2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Sister Cities Ass'n**, at Maude Price School, Call 862-7197.
2nd Weds., 11:45 - **Downey Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.
4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at **Furman Park West Bldg.**, call 943-5513.
Wed.& Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.
12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
12 p.m.: **Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee**, for information call 928-4153.
12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 622-7655.
12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

Fridays

7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Harry Sacks at 319-1063
3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

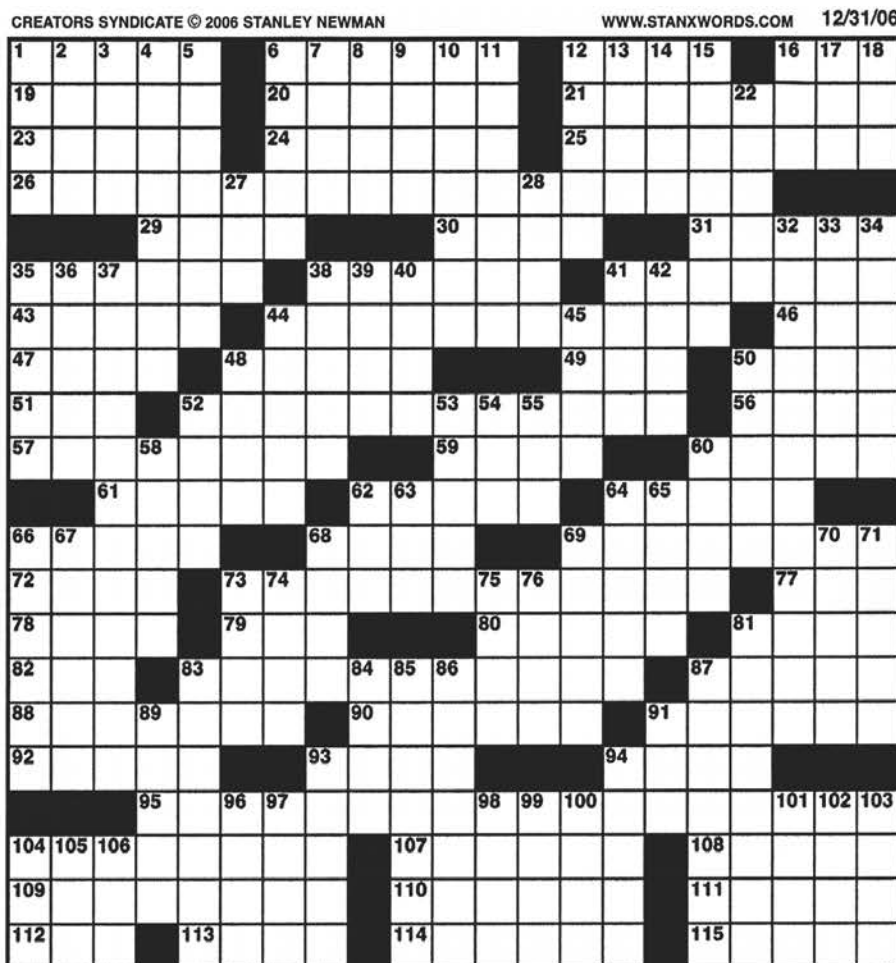
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1971: All in the Family premieres on CBS.
1986: Dr. Franklin R. Chang-Diaz becomes the first Hispanic-American to enter space when the Space Shuttle Columbia blasts off.
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The main portrayals of Charlie Chan on film were Swedish-born Sledge Toler (of Scottish descent) and Boston-born Roland Winters. Sears, Roebuck and Co. published the traditional SEARS CATALOG (37 Down) from 1893 to 1993. The TANGO (108 Across) was immortalized on film by Rudolph Valentino in "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" and by Jack Lemmon and Joe F. Brown in "Some Like it Hot."



Hospital readies for new crop of nurses

■ Cerritos College nursing students in final semester before heading to DRMC.

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DOWNEY – DRMC-bound Cerritos College nursing students were at Downey Regional Medical Center on January 2 for a luncheon celebrating the beginning of their fourth and final semester. They also had the opportunity to hear from nursing directors and supervisors from the various units, and received a stipend from DRMC's Memorial Trust Foundation.

Sympathizing with their rigorous course of study, DRMC's Director of Nursing Education Pam Pezone likened their experience to giving birth — painful and worthwhile. Several of the nursing directors shared they were proud to be graduates of the Cerritos College nursing program, including Family Birth Center Director Ranie Hamilton. "You will find lots of opportunities here for growth; the hospital is very supportive of its nurses," she said.

Toni Simmons, the RN supervisor in the Emergency Care Center, is also a Cerritos grad. "I like the fast pace of the ER," she told the group. "You use skills in all areas, from neonatal (newborn) to full cardiac arrest to trauma patients." ER Educator Deborah Felix, who joined the hospital two months ago, added, "This is the nicest place I have ever worked. There's a lot of support, and an outstanding new grad program."

Georgann Johnson, administrative director for Cardiovascular Services, remarked, "This is a great place to work. The people here are easy to work with and knowledgeable, and you are always learning something new."

Theresa Mastalski, nursing director of the Anderson Critical Care Center (ICU/CCU) and Endoscopy and a Cerritos graduate, said she began her career at the hospital 24 years ago as an LVN (licensed vocational nurse), and was encouraged to return to school to become an R.N. ICU/CCU Educator Vicki Clavir invited the future RNs whose goal was to work in the ICU to come and spend the day there. "I welcome you, but wear your roller skates, because it's extremely busy," she quipped.

Several of the students plan to start their RN careers on DRMC's Medical/Surgical Unit or Definitive Observation Unit. Others hope to go to the Outpatient Surgical Center or the ER. Long-term goals included joining the ICU, working in nursing education, recruitment or case management.

"They are top students at Cerritos," Rebecca Zarate, clinical instructor and the DRMC/Cerritos liaison, told the luncheon guests. She assured the students, "You are coming to a wonderful place and will have tons of mentors to guide you. I'm thrilled for you and commend you on your success."

Called "the Downey 10", these men and women expect to graduate in spring 2007. Several of the students are already employees at DRMC. After graduating from the two-year program and passing their state boards, the nurses will come to DRMC for at least one year and hopefully for many years to come. This is the sixth year DRMC has funded a Cerritos nursing instructor and provided the class with scholarships.

Chief Nursing Officer Heather Conwell commented, "These individuals were selected for our Bridge to Nursing scholarship program from nearly 100 applicants. We selected the top achievers whose grade point average, essays and applications reflected nurses we want to have in our society and hospital. We are very excited about having them join our family as RNs in just a few short months."



From left: Raymond Jimenez, Regina Alba, Eugene Sanchez, Cindy Cornejo, Lindsay Allen, Christy Woodside, Jackie Lopez, Rainould Bagnol and Christine Warren. Not pictured: nursing student Danielle Curtiss. The students are in their final semesters at Cerritos College before starting work at Downey Regional Medical Center.

Expectant parents invited on hospital's 'Stork Tour'

■ Hospital also hosting breast feeding and Lamaze classes. Early registration recommended.

DOWNEY – Expectant parents are invited to a "Stork Tour" Jan. 13 courtesy of Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC), where visitors can learn more about the hospital's Family Birth Center.

The program includes an overview of important information regarding the hospital, a question-and-answer period, and a guided tour. The Stork Tour is free and registration is required.

Another class being offered is a breast feeding class on Jan. 15 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The class will provide expectant parents information on how to successfully breast feed their baby and how to overcome common breast feeding challenges.

Advanced registration for this class is required and there is a fee of \$10.

Lastly, a four-week Lamaze class will be offered Monday evenings beginning Jan. 22. The class will give the expectant mother and her partner important information on how to prepare for childbirth. Topics will include signs of labor, relaxation techniques, pain management, and what to expect during pregnancy and delivery.

Classes usually fill up quick, so expectant parents are asked to register in their fifth month of pregnancy. Cost is \$75 per couple.

For more information or to register for any of the classes, call DRMC's Education Department at (562) 904-5580.

Miss Downey applications now available

DOWNEY – Applications for Miss Downey are now available at local high schools and middle schools, in addition to the Downey City Library, Downey Chamber of Commerce and online at www.downeyrose.org.

Applications will be accepted through Jan. 14. An orientation will be held that day at the Woman's Club of Downey for pageant participants.

Completed applications must be submitted with a \$15 fee to DRFA, Attention: Pageant, P.O. Box 765, Downey, CA 90241. Applications can also be turned in at the orientation.

For more information, call Pageant Director Susan Domen at (562) 824-7172. The pageant will be held on March 17.

Paging Dr. Alan Frischer...

BY DR. ALAN FRISCHER

In my first column, let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Dr. Alan Frischer. I am a general internist and have been practicing in the Downey area since completing my residency in 1988. I was born and raised in the Los Angeles area, and have lived in California as far south as San Diego and as far north as San Francisco.



My undergraduate years were spent at UC San Diego, and my medical education was at UC San Francisco. I did my residency at UCLA.

Along the road of my professional career, I have also had the privilege of teaching, and remain on the UCLA clinical faculty as a clinical professor of medicine. I have also served in various leadership positions at Downey Regional Medical Center, most recently as Chief of Staff.

I have a passion for teaching my patients and giving them the knowledge and tools to be healthier and happier people. When the opportunity came up to write a column in our local newspaper, I jumped at the chance to spread knowledge to a larger audience. I envision this column to be both educational and informative, and fun as well. Things that I write or things you hear or experience may lead to questions on your part. I will respond to many of those questions in this column. Naturally, this is not intended to replace your own personal physician.

To begin, let me share a new statistic that was just released from the 2004 census data. Did you know that the life expectancy in the United States has been rising steadily for the past several decades? Women now live to an average age of 80, and men 75 1/2 years. We will explore the reasons why the numbers have been rising and why the gap between women and men has been shrinking. This topic among many others will fill this column.

Let me close my first column by saying that I hope all of you had joyous and healthy holidays.

Beginning this week, Dr. Alan Frischer will write columns for *The Downey Patriot* on the second and fourth Friday of every month. Frischer is Chief of Staff at Downey Regional Medical Center.

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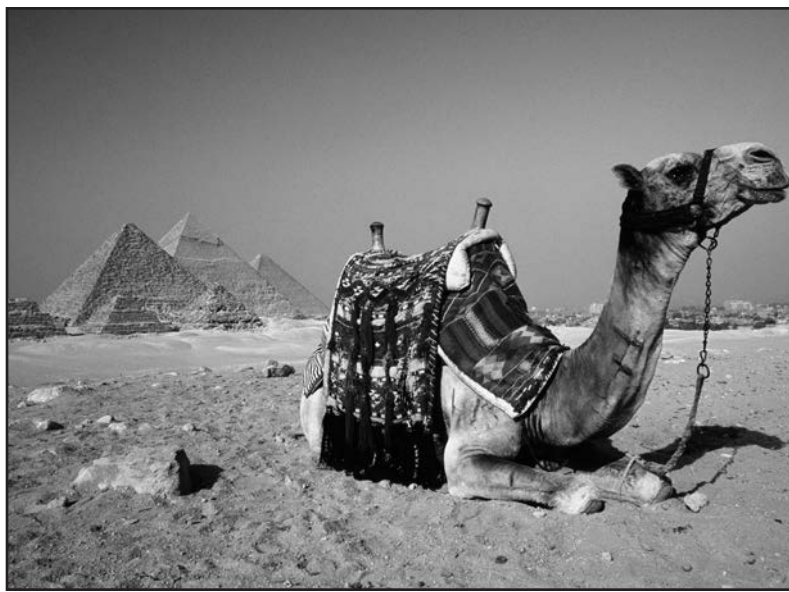
If you know of someone who has distinguished themselves in the field of Arts, Athletics, Business, Education, Civic/Community/Government or Professional/Management, contact Assistant Principal John Baker at (562) 869-7301, ext. 5524, for a nomination application.

The Downey High School Hall of Fame began in 1999 and currently stands at 51 inductees. Members include Dr. Robert Ballard, discoverer of the Titanic, entertainers Karen and Richard Carpenter, and international figure skaters JoJo Starbuck and Ken Shelley.

Musical groups sought for Songfest

DOWNEY – The 15th annual Interfaith Multi-cultural Songfest, sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is planned for March 17 and local musical groups are invited to participate, particularly church choirs.

Performance spots are limited so those interested should contact Lois Buchanan, Community Relations Director for the Downey Stake of the Church, at (562) 927-9790.



"Egypt – In the Footsteps of Moses" takes the audience on a two-hour tour of Egypt's ancient wonders.

Travelogue explores 'Footsteps of Moses'

CONTRIBUTED BY THE DOWNEY THEATRE

DOWNEY – Award-winning travel film producer Dennis Burkhart will present "Egypt – In the Footsteps of Moses," the next film of the Downey Theatre's 2006-07 Armchair Adventure Series, this Sunday, Jan. 14, at 2:30 p.m.

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Follow the footsteps of Moses across the Red Sea to Mount Sinai. St. Catherine's Monastery, ancient turquoise mines and diving in the Red Sea are other features of this travelogue.

As a filmmaker, Dennis Burkhart has visited such places as Nepal, Alaska, Easter Island, Kenya, India and Egypt, to name a few. His award-winning photographic images have appeared in scholastic publications and National Geographic Magazine. Pursuing his love of wilderness areas has led Burkhart to film in over 85 national parks, often as director of photography for The Travel Channel.

"Egypt – In the Footsteps of Moses" is the fifth Armchair Adventure of a 10-film series, which features full-color, feature-length travelogues with live, in-person narration by the travel adventure producer. All films are on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. at the Downey Theatre located at 8435 Firestone Boulevard.

For information on season subscriptions, call the theatre box office at (562) 861-8211, Monday through Friday, between noon and 4 p.m. Tickets for individual films may be purchased on the day of the performance only beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the theatre box office. Adult tickets are \$7 and senior/student tickets are \$6 (cash or check only).

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success, particularly in its first decade from 1958 to 1968.

The property for Harvey's Broiler was purchased in 1950. Prior to being developed as a restaurant location, the site was occupied by 'Sally's Fryers,' a chicken farm and retail store, and five small residences. According to architect Paul B. Clayton, 'because the assembled property had a unique exposure to the street from both directions due to the bend of the road, Harvey [Ortner] requested that I consider a restaurant design that would take advantage of that position and make a statement at the same time.'

The initial design calling for a cocktail lounge, banquet room and two dining rooms, in addition to the realized coffee shop and drive-in, was shelved when the city refused to license the serving of alcohol. An expanded coffee shop and drive-in restaurant was constructed instead.

The one-story, flat-roofed building with canopies is "T" shaped, although the main, south-facing elevation paralleling Firestone Boulevard cuts in towards the parking lot at a 45 degree angle. The other main façade faces southeast. The covered and walled portion of the building is approximately 11,000 square feet. It is a steel-framed, lath and plaster building on a reinforced concrete foundation. Forming the upper part of the "T", the butterfly-shaped drive-in canopy is 240 feet long and 44 feet wide, covering cars parked on opposite sides. Twenty-seven, five-inch metal pipe columns support the car canopy roof, of which the middle section is supported by the roof of the main building. A constellation of round, recessed downlights illuminates the concrete walkway. There is space for 350 autos to park, and car service for 98 cars. Inside the seating capacity is 110. During its heyday in the 1960s, the restaurant employed 85 people full time.

The building interior is comprised of the following spaces, coffee shop, coffee shop dining room, reception area, exhibition kitchen, main kitchen, cooking and fountain area, car service area, dishwashing area, food preparation area, freezer, meat walk-in, vegetable walk-in, men's and women's restrooms, employees dining room, employees dressing rooms, two offices, equipment room, janitor's room, air conditioning room, and garbage storage.

The flat roof is covered in tar and gravel. A louvered vent screen on the restaurant roof shields HVAC equipment. The main south and southeast facades are sheathed in Palo Verde stone or plate glass. Flat, stucco-covered canopies extend six feet from the south and southeast facades over concrete walkways. A three-foot-high, perforated metal sunscreen attached to the edge of the canopies was added a few years after original construction, and recently removed by the new tenants. Also added in the mid-1960s were ribbons of scintillating-bulbs over the original, unadorned stucco fascias. The coffee shop entrance doors are glass with aluminum frames.

Integrated signage was particularly important in the building's design, and original drawings describe these signs in extraordinary detail. The steel structure of the primary roof sign is 18 feet above street level and runs 68 feet across the top beam. "[The client] did have cost limitations, so I decided to develop a design that would make the sign frame the focal point of the building, and the fulcrum upon which the building would revolve," said Clayton. "The sign was developed proportionately to the site, so that it could hold the building as well as command and adopt its unique view. Because of earthquake requirements and the need for rigidity to prevent collapse of structure, the steel sign frame was designed to resist lateral forces...utilizing steel beams and frames embedded in concrete which were designed not only to act as a frame to hold the sign but also designed as the lateral support of the building, with the steel structure intended to support the building in the event of an earthquake."

Clayton continues, "...The steel is supported in a reinforced concrete foundation imbedded below ground level that is twenty-two feet long, two feet wide, and approximately six feet deep. The steel for the structure and sign is anchored in that foundation. The steel is bolted to the concrete foundation by steel plates, welded to the structural steel."

Clayton maintains that "Harvey's Broiler incorporated structural designs and work considered unique not only to that property and city, but

also within the state."

Originally the enormous roof sign read 'HARVEY'S broiler.' 'JOHNNIE'S' was substituted for 'HARVEY'S' in 1966 to reflect the change of ownership from Harvey Ortner to Christos 'Johnnie' Smyrniotis. The single 'N' in 'JOHNNIE'S' was intentional.

The word 'broiler' is in a stylized, lower-case script typeface and the letters are backlit plastic. The original 'HARVEY'S' and current 'JOHNNIE'S' letters are metal with neon edge lights. On the vertical pylon supporting 'HARVEY'S broiler' are stacked three rows of words in lighting troughs. Originally they read: 'RESTAURANT,' 'COFFEE SHOP,' and 'DRIVE-IN' and were backlit plastic. Today they are nearly identical metal letters with neon edge lights and read: 'FAMILY,' 'RESTAURANT,' and 'COFFEE SHOP.' A giant, color, cartoon-illustrated 'Fat Boy' mascot was added in 1966 and is attached to the original roof sign, immediately south of the 'Family, Restaurant, Coffee Shop' signage. The mascot is painted with a metal frame and interior illumination and initially rotated when new.

The words 'COFFEE SHOP' in exposed blue neon letters sit on the roof edge of the east-facing canopy. A pair of DRIVE IN' signs, also in exposed blue neon letters and matching the Coffee Shop typeface, sit on the roof edges of the east car canopy and face south and north. A separate, unattached pole sign with the words 'Open 24' is located on the southeast corner of the property. Added at the same time as the Fat Boy roof sign, the pole sign features two oval, plastic sign faces bisected by a serpentine arrow of scintillating bulbs.

The interior wall of the south-facing dining room is entirely covered in rough-hewn, irregularly stacked Palo Verde stone. Light coves in the ceiling provide a more textured and layered appearance to the room. Curved, vinyl booths line the walls and free-standing tables and chairs are arranged near the plate glass windows. Walnut veneer sheathes portions of the wall bordering the kitchen entrance. Six-inch by six-inch pale yellow ceramic tiles cover the walls behind the dining counter of the east-facing coffee shop.

The restaurant features semi-exhibition cooking where chefs stood behind a low wall behind the counter that hides the grille from view. Visible through a long, horizontal, stainless steel-lined opening between the kitchen and counter, the cooks could be seen preparing meals. A plaster soffit with hidden lighting floats above the counter. A pair of custom stainless steel pie cases are attached to the wall north of the exhibition cooking window. Three inches of terrazzo cover the dining area floors and is coved where the terrazzo meets the walls and cantilevered counter stools.

Since its opening there have been changes to the original building, some of which have been previously noted. A three foot high wall of Palo Verde stone topped with plate glass borders the walkway on the east elevation. Originally this elevation was floor to ceiling plate glass. The stone wall was constructed a few years after opening to support the installation of curved, vinyl booths along the interior wall which replaced freestanding tables and chairs. When car-hop service ended in the 1970s, the open air car service area on the north elevation was enclosed. Dining room light fixtures are of the period, but not original.

Information from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation was used in this story.



"T" shaped steel frames resting on a reinforced concrete foundation was no match for a bulldozer. Photo by Art Montoya



Sharon Lavery will lead the Downey's orchestra when she takes her place as guest conductor Jan. 27 at the Downey Theatre.

Symphony welcomes talented guest conductor

By JOYCE SHERWIN
DOWNEY SYMPHONY

DOWNEY – With the approach of the second concert of the Downey Symphony's extraordinary current season, anticipation builds in the presence of an accomplished guest conductor and the welcomed return of a soloist who drew raves from the audience two years ago. It's going to be quite a night.

In a program set for Saturday, January 27 at the Downey Theatre, Sharon Lavery will lead the orchestra in an opening overture, Franz von Suppe's "Light Cavalry," followed by Franz Schubert's wonderful Symphony No. 8 in two movements, the "Unfinished."

Her preview discussion of the music to be heard begins at 7:15 prior to performance.

Ms. Lavery graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music with a master's degree, cum laude, in clarinet performance, and earned a second master's in orchestral conducting, also cum laude, from USC in 2000. She is now resident conductor with USC's Thornton Symphony and Chamber Orchestra, and professor of conducting.

The Downey Symphony Board is inviting guest conductors to appear with the orchestra throughout the year as it searches for a successor to the late Thomas Osborn, and encourages audience members to evaluate these conductors following each concert.

As centerpiece of the evening, the acclaimed artist Norman Krieger will play Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 1. Maybe you could call Mr. Krieger an international wower, as in "he certainly wowed audiences in Asia and Europe and Mexico and throughout the United States." He is definitely a Downey wower. People still remember his performance with our orchestra in November of 2004, and they will undoubtedly be first in line for tickets to this next performance.

The Downey Symphony Orchestra will perform Saturday, January 27 at 8 p.m. at the Downey Theatre. Tickets are \$25, \$20 and \$10 and the box office will be open on Wednesday, January 24 from noon to 4 p.m. and at 6 p.m. the night of the concert. For information, call (562) 403-2944.

Enchiladas on sale at Moravian Church

DOWNEY – The women of the Moravian Church of Downey will be holding their annual enchilada sale on Jan. 27.

The enchiladas come two in a pan and are suitable for freezing. Meat and cheese combination enchiladas are \$4.50 per pan and cheese only is \$4.75 per pan. Enchiladas can be picked up at the church between noon and 5 p.m.

Call the church office at (562) 927-0718 to place an order or more information. The Moravian Church of Downey is located at 10337 Old River School Road in Downey.

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Residents speak out against destruction

■ Large turnout blasts illegal razing of Johnie's Broiler. Council appears receptive.

BY JACQUELINE MEJIA
CONTRIBUTOR

DOWNEY – Even though Sunday is typically seen as a day of rest, there was no rest taking place on the corner of Firestone Boulevard and Old River School Road this past weekend. Much of what existed of Johnie's Broiler, the iconic drive-in restaurant located in Downey for the past 50 years, was demolished illegally on Sunday afternoon.

The outrage that was expressed on Sunday by several Downey citizens and historical conservationists from around the region did not just stop that day, but continued on until Tuesday night at the Downey City Council meeting.

Taking a step back from being politically correct and doing what they felt correct for the city, Mayor Rick Trejo, Mayor Pro-Tem David Gafin, and Council members Kirk Cartozian and Mario Guerra all displayed their feelings of disgust toward the perpetrators of the "outrageously blatant act" as Gafin deemed it. Council member Anne Bayer stated no comment.

Mayor Trejo stated that Downey "has always protected its city, it preserved McDonald's. This council will take its turn to preserve Johnie's Broiler." Citizens cheered for this statement and after City Attorney Charles S. Vose declared the "potential litigation of Johnie's Broiler." Testimonials were then made from about thirty concerned citizens who live within the City of Downey, and some who even live as far away as Riverside. Some recalled their favorite childhood memories of pancakes, others of first dates, and one could not leave out what made Johnie's great stellar drive-in status to show off the latest hot-rod cars of the day.

Aдриene Biondo, chairman of the Los Angeles Conservancies Modern Committee, stated perhaps one of the most heart-felt pleas of the night to save Johnie's. "Truly the eyes of America are on us...no one has the right to desecrate a piece of Americana." As tears welled in her eyes, she talked about how Johnie's is like her baby. She fought tirelessly to help it become unanimously approved by the state board as a historical preservation, and was encouraged to even send the nomination to the national historic preservation board. Unfortunately, Johnie's did not become a historical preserved site since its owner, Christos "Johnie" Smyrniotis, did not sign it into preservation status.

The theme that rang through the night was that "laws should be followed without exception." Cartozian stated that to follow full process and procedure is the process of law. "It is rule of law, rule of history, rule of our city." This city and its citizens are desperately trying to save what is their part of history- history that they want shared with its youth and children for tomorrow.



Image courtesy George Manzanilla

Steps to designating a property 'historic'

BY BROOKE KARLI
THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

There are many steps involved when designating a property "historic." Both California and the federal government have different procedures set in place, which are outlined below:

California State Level

*Criteria for Designation (landmark must meet at least one of the following criteria):

- Landmark is the first, last, only or most significant of its type in the state or within a large geographical region such as Northern, Central or Southern California.

- Landmark is associated with an influential person or group that has impacted the history of California.

- Landmark is a profound example of a period, style, architectural movement or construction, or is a notable work or the best surviving work in a region.

*Procedures for Designation:

- Download a Nomination Packet.

- Obtain written consent from the property owner(s) for the nomination.

- Complete application according to instructions.

- Submit cover letter, written consent from property owner(s), nomination, photographs and maps to the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) for review.

- Nomination will then be reviewed by OHP staff.

- OHP notifies all applicants, property owners and appropriate governmental jurisdictions of the time and place of the State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC) meeting.

- If approved by the SHRC, the nomination is forwarded to the Director of California State Parks for final approval.

National Level

*Criteria for Designation (landmark must meet at least one of the following criteria):

- Landmark is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to national history.

- Landmark is associated with the lives of significant persons of the past.

- Landmark exemplifies distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, or represents the work of a master or possesses high artistic values.

- Landmark has yielded information important in history or prehistory.

*Procedures for Designation:

- Download a Nomination Packet.

- Read the National Register criteria and How to Complete the National Register Forms and follow the guidelines exactly when preparing application forms.

- If not the owner of the property being submitted for registration, inform the owner of your intention to apply for registration. The landmark may not be listed over the objection of the owner or majority of owners.

- Submit cover letter, completed forms, photographs and maps to the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) for review.

- Nominations will then be reviewed by OHP staff.

- OHP notifies all applicants, property owners and appropriate governmental jurisdictions of the time and place of the State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC) meeting.

- If approved by the SHRC, the nomination is sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer for nomination to the National Register. The final determination is made 45 days after receipt by the Keeper of the National Register in Washington D.C.

Information courtesy of the Office of Historic Preservation. For further information, visit their website at www.ohp.parks.ca.gov

Fatal shooting appears to be gang-related

DOWNEY – A teenager was killed and a man seriously injured after an altercation between several males in front of an apartment complex turned deadly.

Downey Police were dispatched to 9330 Telegraph Road around 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday regarding a radio call of shots fired, authorities said. Upon arrival, police discovered two gunshot victims. Pedro Manuel Lugo, 19, of Downey, suffered from multiple gunshot wounds and was pronounced dead at the scene. The second victim, an unidentified adult male, was transported to a local hospital, where he remains in serious but stable condition.

Witnesses said there was an altercation amongst several Hispanic males before the suspect produced a handgun and began shooting at the victims. The suspect fled the scene and was described by police as a male Hispanic in his mid-20s with a muscular build and shaved head. A preliminary investigation indicates the shooting appears to be gang-related, police said.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective Paul Hernandez at (562) 904-2368.

Bingo luncheon planned by OLPH

DOWNEY – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Women's Guild will host a bingo luncheon on Jan. 17 starting at 10 a.m. at the Parish Center. The community is invited.

Price to participate is \$15 and prizes will be awarded.

Lorraine Driscoll worked in Downey for 25 years

PORTLAND, MAINE – Lorraine Willette Driscoll, a resident of Downey for 25 years, passed away in Portland, Maine in late November.

Driscoll was born in 1931 in Bangor, Maine to Joseph and Dorothy Willette. She attended schools in Portsmouth, New Hamp., and later moved to Portland, where she graduated from Portland High School in 1949. While in Portland, she was employed by New England Telephone and was involved in the Pythian Sisters and the Grange.



In the late 1960s, she moved to Downey to raise her son and was also employed by GTE for 25 years. After retiring in 1991, she moved back to Portland, Maine.

She is survived by her mother; sons Jay Adams of Essen, Germany and Loren Driscoll of Los Alamitos; grandchildren Ireland and Ian Driscoll; sister Gwendolyn Nichols of Portland, Maine; and brothers Kenneth Willette of San Antonio, Texas and Joseph Willette of Portland, Maine.

Robert 'Bob' McCoy served in Korean War

DOWNEY – Robert 'Bob' McCoy, a resident of Chino with family in Downey, died Nov. 27. He was 76.

He was born Nov. 21, 1930 in Phoenix. He lived in the Ontario and Chino area for the past 20 years. He served in the Marines during the Korean War.

McCoy is survived by his son, Kenneth, of Downey; Kathryn, of Ohio; Karen, of Indiana; Kim, of Beaumont; stepdaughter, Kim, of Ontario; grandchildren, Nichole, Daniel, Amanda, Shanna, Jan, Catie and Darrell; and three great-grandchildren, Riley, Zachary and Austin.

A memorial service will be held today, Jan. 12, at Fellowship in the Pass, 650 Oak Valley Boulevard, in Beaumont. Services begin at 11 a.m.



Thomas Iacovitti will have services today

DOWNEY – Thomas Iacovitti, born in San Pelino, Italy on October 25, 1921, died of natural causes on Jan. 7.

He migrated to Los Angeles in 1952, where he met his future wife Madeline. They married on Oct. 25, 1953 and moved to Downey on July 4, 1959.

Iacovitti was a member of St. Raymond's Catholic Church and spent time with the Downey Bocce Club and Italian Catholic Federation.

He is survived by his wife, Madeline; daughter, Frances; sons, Paul (Andrea), Mike (Wanda) and Frank; and grandchildren, Christina, Matthew and Alex.

Funeral services will be held today, Jan. 12, at St. Raymond's Church at 10 a.m. Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary is handling arrangements.



Christopher Byrne played pro soccer

DOWNEY – Christopher Byrne, a resident of Downey for 35 years, died at his home on Jan. 7 after battling brain cancer for six months. He was 68.

He was born in Dublin, Ireland on Nov. 20, 1938. He played professional soccer in England before emigrating to the United States with his wife, Phyllis. He was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and coached for many years in AYSO soccer.

A Rosary was held in his honor Wednesday with a funeral mass Thursday at OLPH Church. He will be laid to rest in Dublin with his brother, Noel, and near his parents, John and Mary Byrne.

He is survived by brothers, John and Patrick; sisters, Marie, Teresa and Irene; wife of 42 years, Phyllis; their three children, Christine, Marica and Sean; son-in-law Craig Brett; grandchildren, Kevin, Sean and Michael.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggested donations be made to the American Cancer Society or the MS Society. Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary handled arrangements.

Principia Gregorio lived in Downey over 55 years

DOWNEY – Principia Tudisco Gregorio, a Downey resident, passed away at the age of 86 on Dec. 26.

Born in Pittsburgh, Penn., on August 21, 1920, Gregorio was the daughter of Italian immigrants and the eldest of three sisters. She graduated from Westminster College in 1942.

She was married to Patsy Gregorio for 63 years and resided in Downey for over 55 years, where she was active in the First Presbyterian Church, YMCA water aerobics, a weekly crochet group and the Southland Italian Cultural Foundation. She also traveled often to Italy for family reunions.

Gregorio is survived by her husband, her children Paul and Patricia; grandchildren Tom and Mary; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins both here and in Italy.

Funeral services were held on December 31 at the First Presbyterian Church of Downey, followed by graveside services at Rose Hills Cemetery. The family requested donations made be made to the Prinic Gregorio Memorial Fund c/o First Presbyterian Church of Downey.

Emblem Club traveling to Pechanga

DOWNEY – Downey Emblem Club #309 will make the trip to Pechanga Resort & Casino on Jan. 17. The bus will depart from the Downey Elks Lodge parking lot on Woodruff Avenue at 8 a.m. For more information, call Mary Guzman at (562) 622-1003.



Families Can Be Together Forever

These words bring comfort and joy to all those who are celebrating the life of Evelyn Jean Renouf. Evelyn arrived to earth on November 2, 1922 to the delight of Margaret and Eugene Freeman. The family was later happy to welcome another child, a son Eugene Freeman to the little family. Evelyn was an adventurous child and had many loves. Two of which were family and dancing. Her dancing earned her the affectionate title of "Dancing Grandma". Evelyn married her sweetheart Roy R. Renouf who preceded her in death. Evelyn and Roy made their first home in South Gate. In 1953, the couple started looking for the "perfect home", a strong community and an all around great place to raise a family. Downey was the perfect match. For 54 years, Evelyn enjoyed sunrises and sunsets in this little community. Through the years, they welcomed 3 children, Jack R Renouf, Roy R. Renouf, and Susan Renouf. Their family was active in the community with Boy Scouts, PTA, sporting programs and all sorts of social activities. As her family grew older, Evelyn was able to pursue some of her loves. She was a long time member of Tops and was a member of the Famous "Dancing Grandma's" from here in Downey. In 1993, Evelyn was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. This just began a new chapter in her life. She had an excellent family care team who were determined to help her through this challenge. Evelyn went on for 14 years amazing her doctors and family with her ability to lead a happy life with many activities. Evelyn always enjoyed kindness until the very end. She was able to cheer Warren on to victory for several years, bowl, color Easter Eggs, pick pumpkins for Halloween, walk around Disneyland and Sea World, and vacation in Utah. Nothing stopped her from living life. She would always light up like Christmas when her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren would help care for her. She was known to have an ice cream cone with them on many occasions. Never a complaint was heard. She remained active and full of life throughout the course of the Alzheimer's. Evelyn was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, the Downey first ward. Evelyn's life is a celebration from start to finish. She brought dignity and grace to life and left in the same manner. Evelyn has proved that the love and caring of a family is one of the most precious and treasured items anyone can possess. Evelyn leaves behind a large posterity as she begins the next chapter in her life.

Service to be held:
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9:30 Viewing, 11:00 Funeral

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10 Great Great Grandchildren

COUNCIL

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- Appropriated \$25,000 for special studies regarding Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) associated with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permit (for water quality purposes);
- Set a public hearing for zone change No. 06-97, city initiated, to rezone fifty nine (59) parcels from R-3 to R-2 in an area bounded by Hall Road, Bellflower Blvd., Lakewood Blvd., and Southern Pacific Railroad Ave., for Jan. 23, 2007;
- Set a public hearing for comment on the 2007-08 Community Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Grant programs, for Feb. 13, 2007;
- Reappropriated \$204,000 of Federal Fire act grant funds and \$51,000 of City General Funds for Fire Department radio equipment improvements;
- Authorized the city manager to host a luncheon meeting of city managers from Los Angeles County cities to discuss the water quality control plan for the Los Angeles region (Basin Plan);
- Adopted a resolution approving Downey-State Master Agreement No.07-5334R for federal aid projects; a resolution approving program supplement No. NO23 to Downey-State Master Agreement No.07-5334R for the construction of street improvements on Lakewood Blvd.; and a resolution approving program supplement No. D12 to Downey-State Master Agreement No. 000332 for the Safe Route to School (Cycle 6) project;
- Adopted a resolution approving appointments/reappointments to boards, commissions and committees for Council District 2;
- Adopted a resolution approving the appointment of Adam Christin to the Water Advisory Board for Council District 4;
- Introduced an ordinance amending Section 3186 of the Downey Municipal Code relating to the speed limit for Downey Avenue;
- Introduced an ordinance amending Subsection 6182(d) of the Downey Municipal Code relating to exemptions from the Telephone Utility Users Tax;
- Adopted an ordinance amending the city's comprehensive zoning map changing the zoning classification of the property at 11915 Downey Ave. from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to R1-5,000 (Single-Family Residential)/(Assessor Parcel No. 6259-001-029) and approving zone change No. 06-132 (Owner/Applicant: Clementina C.Hernandez);
- Approved the budget calendar (which establishes various deadlines so the budget can be completed in a timely manner and in accordance with the City Charter) for the 2007-08 budget;
- Entertained a request from newly-minted Councilmember Mario Guerra for a feasibility report on video broadcasting of City Council and Planning Commission meetings; on insistence of Councilmember Kirk Cartozian, Council directed staff to undertake preliminary report on this, to include as many cities as possible in study;
- Honored the 13 school-age winners of the Used Oil Calendar Artwork Contest, with first place going to St. Raymond's Nicole Peredo;
- Presented Michael Hemsath with a certificate of appointment to the Recreation and Community Services Commission for Council District 5;
- Proclaimed the month of January as School Board Recognition Month; accepting the proclamation were DUSD board members Martha Soretani, Nancy Swenson, chair Willie Gutierrez, Barbara Samperi, Donald La Plante, and Tod Corrin, as well as Superintendent Wendy Doty;
- Witnessed the presentation of the American Flag by the Downey Elks Lodge for the Gary McCaughan Gymnasium; and
- Accepted presentations by representatives of U.S. Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-34) and State Assemblymember Hector De LaTorre (50th District) in recognition of Downey's 50th anniversary.



Downey's Darren Tubbs pulls up for a jump shot in Wednesday's game versus Warren. Downey won the game, 54-36. Photo by Art Montoya

Free-throw championship for kids

DOWNEY – The Knights of Columbus #3697 will host a free-throw championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 Jan. 13 at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help School gym from 9 a.m. to noon.

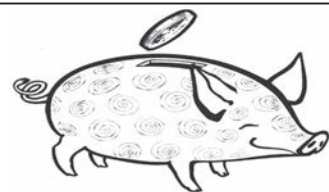
For information, call Pat Rooney at (562) 923-5352 or (562) 923-1932.

After-school soccer at Bernabe

DOWNEY – The after-school soccer season is starting this month at the Bernabe Community Center and sign-ups will continue until each team accumulates 15 players.

Registration is \$30 per player and sign-up forms are available at the community center, 10801 Fairford Avenue, in Downey. The kids will be playing with new 6 1/2 x 12-foot soccer goals bought with a grant awarded to the Bernabe Community Center by the Los Angeles Clippers.

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Warhurst resigns as Downey football coach

By **SCOTT COBOS**
CONTRIBUTOR

DOWNEY – Downey High football coach Grant Warhurst stepped down from the head of the program after 14 years, saying he wants to spend more time with his children.

With a 7-year-old daughter, and a 5-year-old son, Warhurst informed Downey principal Tom Houts that he wants to be with his children more as they grow up.

Warhurst will continue his duties as athletic director and a math teacher at the school where he has coached in the football program for 21 years.

"It's been a great joy," Warhurst said in an interview with the *Press Telegram*, "but it's time to move on."

The ex-Downey head coach put together a winning career record during his time. Winning 53 percent of his games, Warhurst finished his career 80-68-3, including a 7-4 record in 2006, locking up a second-place finish in the San Gabriel Valley League.

Also, Warhurst and his team's won four SGVL titles and earned 10 playoff berths, including two semifinal game appearances in the CIF Southern Section post season.

This past season, Warhurst's Vikings were one-and-out being shutout 16-0 by St. Paul in the first round of the Western Division playoffs.

Warhurst informed the team of his decision last Thursday. He will remain with the program until a replacement has been found.

Houts said the position is open to any credentialed teacher and that he and a panel will start conducting interviews near the end of February.

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Time Traveler

Great Depression made residents pull together

BY JOHN ADAMS
EDITOR EMERITUS

It was across the tracks, and they called it Mexican Town during the Great Depression.

It stood about where Downey Regional Medical Center is located today. Old-time Downey residents will tell you it was the best place to get a cheap meal in the 1930s. And you could also get all the home brew you cared to drink.

John Sims, dentist and lifelong Downey resident, recalls he mowed lawns and delivered magazines door-to-door for pocket money in those long-ago days. "A nickel was dear!" said Sims.

The magazines he delivered to earn those nickels that stretched so far in Mexican Town, may still ring familiar to some ears. Liberty, Good Housekeeping and The Saturday Evening Post were among them.

This column is too brief to try and define the Great Depression, and that has already been done thoroughly by such writers as John Steinbeck in his "Grapes of Wrath," Nelson Algren in his "Neon Wilderness," and a long list of learned historians.

This is a column about Downey, which was still something of a small town in the 1930s, and how it survived the economic slump.

There were two major businesses in Downey during most of those grim depression years: The packing house just off Downey Avenue near the railroad tracks, and the asbestos company. Most of the rest of the town still relied on agriculture.

There were the roots of an aviation industry that would blossom to major proportions in World War II. But these were still small companies struggling for survival in the depression years.

Then there was the Work Project Administration, or WPA, established by President Franklin Roosevelt to get Americans back to work again.

Some loathed and hated it. Some thanked the Lord for a chance to work again. The WPA built the old Downey elementary school located on Third Street between Brookshire and Dolan avenues. The plaque proclaiming the old school a WPA project is on display at the Downey Historical Society today. Many structures including the local bridges, were built by the WPA.

A clipping from the old *Live Wire* newspaper dated Nov. 27, 1939, offers keen insight into the Downey of that time. It reads, "a committee was named at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce...to make a survey of the local district for the purpose of learning how many families live here who may be in need of assistance from outside sources."

"Individuals knowing of any families here, especially those in which there are little children, who by reason of unemployment are destitute, are requested to file such information at the office of the Chamber of Commerce, 232 North Crawford St."

World War II brought the country together and snapped it out of the

economic disaster that was the depression. But many of the lessons learned from that time lived on in those who lived through it.

The *Live Wire* news clipping added, "An effort will be made to secure employment by those in need, to give aid where necessary and provide Christmas dinner for families in such need."

Downey is still a community where neighbors help each other. Many families learned to help each other during the grim years of the 1930s. And they're still doing it.



Chris Maheras drives toward the basket in Wednesday night's Downey/Warren game. Downey won, 54-36. Photo by Art Montoya

Downey's soccer team wins OC tournament

DOWNEY - Downey's boys varsity soccer team is off to a kickin' start after winning the North Orange County Soccer Classic Tournament in December. Junior Gabriel Contreras was the tournament's Most Valuable Player. The team is led by nine seniors and three captains, with the hope of making playoffs this season.

The team's pre-season consisted of the following: Downey 1, Lakewood 2 (11/29); Downey 2, El Monte 2 (11/30); Downey 2, Pacifica 1 (12/1); Downey 1, Schurr 1 (12/6); Downey 1, Artesia 2 (12/8); Downey 1, El Rancho 0 (12/14); Downey 3, Sante Fe 3 (12/19); Downey 1, St. John Bosco 4 (12/22); Downey 2, Victor Valley 1 (12/27); Downey 1, Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa 0 (12/27); Downey 1, South East South Gate 0 (12/28); Downey 2, Troy 1 (12/29).

San Gabriel Valley League games began on January 5.

Marine set to depart again following 30-day leave

DOWNEY -- Justin A. Aysse completed 12 weeks of boot camp in San Diego for the United States Marine Corp. last month.

After a 30-day leave with his family in Downey, he is set to return to San Diego for further training and a new assignment.



'Introduction to Judaism' class forming

DOWNEY - Temple Ner Tamid of Downey is continuing their "Introduction to Judaism" classes on Jan. 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. Rabbi Len Muroff and Cantor Ellen Jaffe-Gill will lead the class.

"Introduction to Judaism" will include the study of Shabbat, Kabbalah, Mysticism, Spirituality, Tu B'Shevat, Purim, Passover and Zionism.

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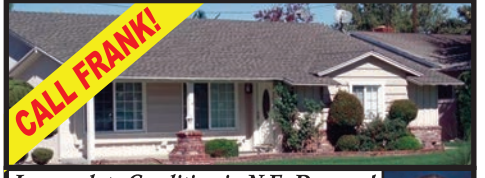
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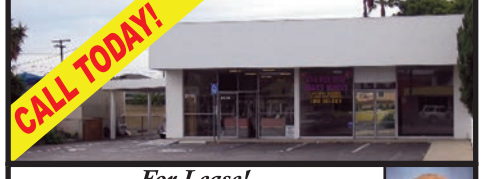
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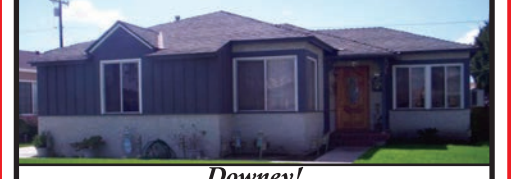
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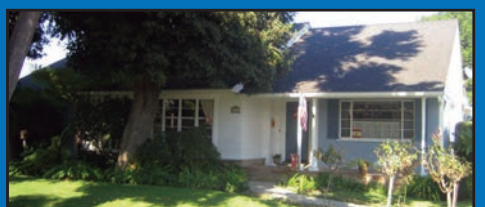
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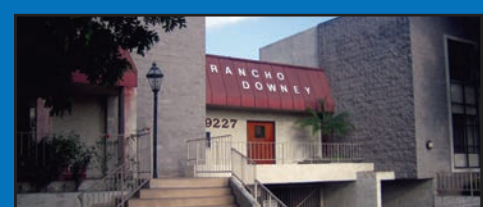
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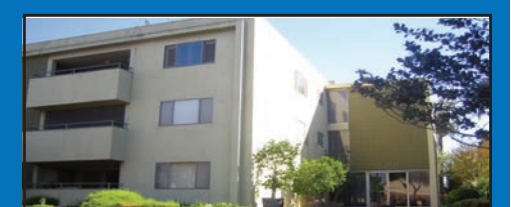
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