

Downey Walmart opens to residents' dismay

By Alex Dominguez
Contributor

DOWNEY – Walmart, the newest addition to the still developing Downey Promenade, hosted a successful ribbon cutting and grand opening Wednesday morning, much to the dismay of many of Downey’s residents.

The morning’s ceremony kicked off at around 7:30 am, and was attended by notable Downey “...We pouted. We cried. We were heartbroken because this location right here is special in the history of mankind...that was on May 10th. We sat the next day and told our staff, ‘You know, we get to pout over the weekend, until May 14th that Monday. And then let’s get together and say what’s next. Folks, this is what’s next.’”

Mayor Saab also made a few comments and presented the store with a certificate of recognition on behalf of the residents of Downey.

“This property is very sacred to us. This is the land where dreams were reached, where people worked beyond imagination. We are very proud of this property, and this is where dreams will continue to flourish.”

Downey Chamber of Commerce President Cindy Kovach also spoke, adding “We are thrilled that [Walmart] are planning to be a partner with the Chamber and we look forward to a great association with Walmart.”

The addition of Walmart has been a hotbed of debate between many of Downey’s residents, with many opposing its inclusion into the Promenade due to the store chain’s somewhat infamous reputation and what some might describe as notorious clientele.

The public outcry has been prevalent since then Mayor Pro Tem Saab announced Walmart’s arrival late last year. The public’s opinion was never more present when Downey Patriot Editor Eric Pierce published an article entitled “I Will Shop at Walmart (and you Probably will too)” earlier this week.

The outspoken response to Pierce’s article seemed primarily negative, with many saying that they would take their business elsewhere; some even claiming to boycott the Promenade all together. Very few supported the store’s opening, or instead decided to be optimistic.

Originally, a higher end store was planned to be the cornerstone of Downey’s latest dining, shopping, and entertainment enterprise. However, the final result of Walmart was claimed to be out of the city’s hands by Saab in an article published in last year’s Year in Review magazine.

Despite any negative feelings towards Walmart, however, Wednesday’s ribbon cutting stayed peaceful and quiet without any known incidents.

The store is now open to the public.

Portion of 5 Freeway to be renamed after police officer

DOWNEY – A portion of Interstate 5 in Downey will be renamed in honor of slain Downey police officer Ricardo “Ricky” Galvez.

The proposal by state Sen. Tony Mendoza would rename the freeway between the San Gabriel River bridge and the Rio Hondo River bridge as the Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez Memorial Highway.

The proposal was unanimously approved by the state Senate last week and now heads to the Assembly for consideration.

“The memorial highway honors the service and profound sacrifice of Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez,” said Mendoza. “He was a thoughtful and dedicated officer who served and protected our community and our nation with professionalism, courage and distinction.”

A U.S. Marine veteran, Galvez was killed last Nov. 18 while sitting in his personal vehicle outside the Downey police station.

Two people approached the vehicle and fired at Galvez, killing him instantly. He was 29.

“We appreciate Senator Mendoza’s efforts to honor our fallen brother, Officer Ricardo Galvez, in this manner,” said Downey Police Chief Carl Charles. “On behalf of the Galvez family and the members of the Downey Police Department, we would like to thank the entire California Senate for approving the renaming of a portion of the highway in Ricky’s honor.”

Galvez will also be memorialized in a billboard campaign this week across Southern California.

The digital billboard space was donated by Clear Channel Outdoor in recognition of National Police Week. Signs in Southern California will display commemorative images honoring fallen officers from the Downey, Long Beach and San Bernardino police departments.

“Our law enforcement officers risk their lives every day to protect us and the tragic loss of these local heroes is a sobering reminder of the dangers officers face in order to keep our neighborhoods safe,” said Layne Lawson, director of public affairs for Clear Channel Outdoor’s Southern California Division. “We are honored to pay homage to our local fallen officers and hope residents throughout the Southland will see these images and pause to pay their respects and thank our local heroes who have paid the ultimate price for our safety.”

This year, the names of 252 fallen officers will be engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. Of those officers being memorialized, three served in Southern California: Ricardo Galvez of the Downey Police Department, William H. Waggoner of the Long Beach Police Department, and Bryce Edward Hanes of the San Bernardino Police Department.

CCOA will be displaying images honoring these three officers in each of their home towns throughout the duration of National Police Week, which runs through May 21.

At 5 p.m. PST on May 13, during the annual candlelight vigil held in Washington, D.C., all of CCOA’s large format digital billboards will pause for 2 minutes on a single iconic image in remembrance of the 252 U.S. law enforcement officers whose names are being formally dedicated on the memorial this year.

Vietnam veteran surprised with free trip to Washington, D.C.



By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

NORWALK – A Los Angeles-based plumbing company surprised a local Vietnam veteran last Saturday with a fully-funded trip to Washington D.C. after the Norwalk resident shared his lifelong dream with the workers that rehabbed his home.

A crew of employees from Twin Home Experts cheered and whistled as 67-year-old Brian Unzicker walked out his front door and onto the porch of his Norwalk house.

“I always have something to say, but I am truly overwhelmed,” said Unzicker, wiping tears from his eyes.

A longtime Norwalk homeowner, Unzicker recently decided to leverage the equity in his house so he could pay for an overdue vacation to the nation’s capital.

“There’s a lot to see on the east coast like Civil War battlefields,” he said. “But the wall at the Vietnam Memorial is what I’d most like to see.”

Unzicker served in Vietnam for 13 months starting in 1969 and has never had the financial means to see the national memorial dedicated to his fallen comrades.

“I wanted to get a reverse mortgage to pay for the trip, but I had some mold and water damage in the house that needed to be addressed first,” he said.

Last month, workers at Twin Home Experts overheard him mention his dream of visiting the memorial as they fixed his home. Dave Schuelke, who co-owns the business with his twin brother Jim, said it was only fitting to cover the costs of Unzicker’s travel and accommodations.

“I heard the desperation in his voice when he called us for help to fix his home – and when he told us why, we wanted to do this for him to make a big difference in his life,” Dave Schuelke said. “This guy has got such a huge, huge heart and he was just so grateful for everything we did.”

And the Schuelkes’ went big with their surprise, lining Unzicker’s street with a dozen Twin Home Experts vehicles and smiling employees with U.S. flags in hand.

“They think I’m deserving of this and I’m not going to argue with them,” Unzicker said with a laugh. “I won’t turn down their generous offer – it means so much to me.”

Unzicker, who retired as a Teamsters truck driver in 2002, said he hopes to make his pilgrimage to Washington D.C. with his dog, Zoey, in spring 2017.

In only 3 weeks, Norwalk students raise \$10K for charities



Nearly 250 Norwalk High School seniors raised \$10,000 by selling granola bars in three weeks, to donate \$1,000 each to 10 charities that include Mental Health America, AMVETS National Service Foundation and American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

NORWALK – A Norwalk High School senior Robert Renteria revealed to classmates how he battled Hodgkin lymphoma throughout his childhood, wracked by debilitating radiation treatments during third grade and for years to defeat the cancer that sapped his body’s ability to fight infections.

It was during this tough time that the Make-A-Wish Foundation granted him a wish: a trip to Disneyworld.

“I didn’t really get to have a childhood,” Renteria, 17, said. “Make-A-Wish made my life feel normal, and it was the happiest day of my life.”

Renteria’s gripping tale persuaded his classmates to choose the Make-A-Wish Foundation as one of 10 charities to receive a \$1,000 donation from Norwalk High’s annual Charity for Charities event, now in its fourth year.

As part of the effort, seniors raise money by selling granola bars, research possible charities and lobby their peers before a vote on which charities will receive the donations. This year, nearly 250 seniors teamed up to sell granola bars for one dollar each, raising \$10,000 over three weeks.

Renteria’s best friend, senior Jesse Lotts, asked Renteria to tell his story to show why Make-A-Wish Foundation should be one of the 10 charities this year.

“Make-A-Wish enriches the children’s life experiences for them

to continue fighting back,” Lotts, 18, said. “I wouldn’t have been able to meet my best friend without Make-A-Wish.”

Other winners include organizations that provide support for people battling mental illness, suicide prevention efforts and veterans.

“I am so proud of the students who really took the time to understand the charity they chose and found an organization that gave the most back to the community,” NLMUSD Board of Education President Karen Morrison said. “They are strengthening valuable social responsibility traits that they will carry for the rest of their lives.”

Over the last four years, Norwalk High seniors have donated over \$45,000 to more than 40 charities. With the exception of guidance from their advisors, students run the Charity for Charities event.

“This has become a really wonderful tradition for our whole

school,” Principal Ryan Smith said. “It’s great to see our students give back to the community. I am so proud of our students who took it upon themselves to do this.”

The seniors and staff who nominated this year’s 10 charities are as follows:

- Mary Navalta – Doctors Without Borders
- Alondra Aguilar – Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Los Angeles
- Jesse Lotts and Robert Renteria – Make-A-Wish of Greater Los Angeles
- Pablo Gonzalez and Richard Martinez – Semper Fi Fund
- Brenae Seals and Briana Nevarez – United Cerebral Palsy of Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties
- Victoria Lopez – Mental Health America
- Silvia Lopez – AMVETS National Service Foundation
- Jordan Hernandez, Brittanie Richard, Ethan Barnum, Richie Marroquin and Juan Herrera – American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
- Patty Yarbrough (staff) – Cancer Research Institute
- Ken Cook (staff) – Wounded Warriors Family Support

“Norwalk High School seniors are an example of the caliber of students who graduate with the compassion and generosity to give back to their communities,” NLMUSD Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said. “They not only recognize the issues that mean the most to them, but are ready to take action and contribute their time to help others in need.”

High school seniors encouraged to apply for Young Legislators program

NORWALK – State Sen. Tony Mendoza is now accepting applications for his 2016-17 young legislators program.

The program provides high school seniors an opportunity to learn about California’s government and legislative process by researching local issues, attending meetings with legislative staff, assisting constituents, and traveling to Sacramento for a mock legislative session in the State Capitol.

Applications are available on Mendoza’s senate website or by calling his office at (562) 860-3202.

Deadline to submit an application is June 30.

Weekend at a Glance

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Saturday 72°

Sunday 72°

THINGS TO DO



Southeast CicAvia
Sunday - Lynwood, 9 a.m.

CicAvia comes to Southeast L.A. Meet at Firestone and Long Beach boulevards.



Brush Strokes & Beverages
Saturday - Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 6 p.m.

Instructor-led painting, complimentary beverages, and snacks. \$25 (must be 21 or older)



KROQ Weenie Roast
Saturday - Irvine Amphitheatre, 12 p.m.

Performances by Red Hot Chili Peppers, Weezer, The Lumineers, Empire of the Sun, and more. \$45



ArtFest 2016
Friday and Saturday - Clarke Estate in Santa Fe Springs

Artisans, musical entertainment, food vendors, art workshops and featured artist Lalo Alcaraz.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Walmart opens in Downey

Anthony Adams: I have never shopped there and will never start. If that was the last store on earth I would live off the land before shopping there.

Aldo Aguilera-Lua: Maybe we were foolish to believe the city, but our city officials should have been upfront and communicated to its residents as soon as they new that Walmart was coming.

Briana Castillo: Downey needs to change it from “Promenade” to “Shopping Center”. A Promenade is much more sophisticated than what Downey put into it.

Raul Cruz: There’s no one to blame but the city itself, they over promised and under-deliver which seems to be the norm for Downey no a days.

Sharee Teegarden: I will shop at this Walmart if this one is clean and well stocked. I shop at Pico Rivera and Santa Fe Springs. I shop where I can get what I need.

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Whittier, Santa Fe and Pioneer high schools have new principals



Craig Campbell, assistant principal of curriculum and instruction at Santa Fe High School, will helm the Santa Fe Chiefs as school principal. Campbell is a 1997 graduate of Santa Fe.

WHITTIER – A The Whittier Union High School District Board of Trustees has appointed three veteran District educators as principals of Pioneer, Santa Fe and Whittier high schools.

Pioneer High's new principal will be Lilia Bozigian, who serves as the school's assistant principal of guidance and counseling. Santa Fe High will be led by Craig Campbell, the school's assistant principal of curriculum and instruction. Whittier High will be helmed by Timothy Liggett, now the assistant principal of curriculum and instruction.

Bozigian and Campbell will replace principals Monica Oviedo and Kevin Jamero, respectively; the latter have been appointed assistant superintendents of Whittier Union. Liggett will replace Principal Lori Eshilian, who is retiring in June. All roles will go into effect July 1.

"Each of these educators has demonstrated their strong

She became assistant principal of curriculum and instruction in 2007 before shifting in 2011 to assistant principal of guidance and counseling. She earned her bachelor's degree in English from Cal State Los Angeles and master's degree in educational leadership from Cal State Fullerton.

"I began my career at Pioneer High School almost 20 years ago and made it my goal to provide a high-quality education to students, instill in them Titan pride and inspire them to reach for greatness every day," Bozigian said. "I am incredibly grateful to the Board of Trustees and the District administrative team for having the confidence in me to lead a school that is like my second home."

Campbell, who graduated from Santa Fe High School in 1997, has dedicated his entire education career to students at his alma mater. He began as an athletic coach, science and math teacher in 2002 and served as the special education department chair at Santa Fe for two years starting in 2008. He became dean of students in 2010 and advanced in 2011 to assistant principal of guidance and counseling. He has been assistant principal of curriculum and instruction since last year.

Campbell earned his bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science from Iowa State University and a master's degree in educational leadership from Cal Poly Pomona.

"It is an honor to serve as Principal at Santa Fe High School, where I gained an education that inspired me to pursue a career that would allow me to encourage students to pursue their dreams of making a difference," Campbell said. "I am humbled by the opportunity.

I am thankful to the Board and District administrative team for their confidence, and I hope to make the Santa Fe community proud."

Liggett was a math and science teacher in Pasadena Unified and a physics teacher at Venice High School in Los Angeles Unified before beginning his tenure as a teacher and administrator in Whittier Union in 2005.

Liggett has served as a physics teacher and science department chair at Whittier High School, as dean of students at California High School and, since 2012, as assistant principal of curriculum and instruction at Whittier High. He earned his bachelor's degree in physics from Harvey Mudd College and a master's degree in secondary education from Loyola Marymount University.

"I look forward to continuing Whittier High School's ongoing legacy of ensuring that our students receive an amazing education that will lead to an abundance of post-secondary opportunities," Liggett said. "I want to thank the community and the Board of Trustees for their support."

The inclusive selection process of each principal involved interviews with a large school community panel composed of faculty, staff, student and parent representatives. Teacher and classified employee association presidents, school administrators and cabinet members also took part in interviewing final candidates.

The new principals will be recognized during the Whittier Union Board of Trustees meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7.



The Cerritos City Council recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate new playground improvements at Liberty Park. The playground received new climbers, interactive elements, slides and swings. New playground surfacing also was installed. A color palette of various shades of blue was selected for the playground.

"This beautiful upgraded playground is just one of several park improvement projects currently under way," said Cerritos Mayor George Ray. "We hope that the community will enjoy this new playground and all it has to offer."

Liberty Park is located at 19211 Studebaker Road in Cerritos. Its amenities include a fitness studio, six tennis courts, softball diamond, jogging track, exercise stations, indoor racquetball courts, pickleball courts, disc golf course, sand volleyball courts, and community center.

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SHARED STORIES: THE TIES THAT BIND

An Inflatable Idea

Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles from a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Yolanda is a lifelong Norwalk resident who likes to see everyone with a smile on their face. In this piece she explores with dramatic flair the feelings of two young girls who find a Frederick's catalogue. The names have been changed to protect the innocent. Created by Carol Kearns

NORWALK – While walking home from my junior high school one day I saw a Frederick's of Hollywood catalogue lying on the sidewalk. I was excited to find it, but there were several pedestrians on the street and I felt embarrassed to have them see me look at this sexy publication. Luckily there was no one I knew, but I still slowed my pace until they passed before I turned back to pick up the forbidden catalogue.

Children my age were: "Too old for toys and too young for boys." It was the era of liberated women burning their bras. I didn't think, "training bras" counted. Still, Frederick's merchandise defined sexy; just what as a budding, almost blossoming, teenage girl wanted to get her hands on. I could hardly believe that I now owned the coveted catalogue.

I did what came naturally. I ran to my best friend's house to share my miraculous find. Had I been in a backstreet I'd have come in first place. It seemed that I reached Carla's front door in a few minutes. I tucked the catalogue into my skirt's waistband and stood with my arms across my waist.

It was difficult to contain my excitement. I was relieved when Carla opened the door instead of her mother. We had a puzzled look on her face when she asked,

"Jane are you alright? You look kinda weird."

"Jane you won't believe what I just found on the street!"

"You found money?"

"No. Something even better. Let's hurry up to your room. Just then her mother called out from the kitchen,

"Carla who is at the door?"

"It's just Jane, Mom. We are going to do our homework. Please tell Jimmy to leave us alone."

The kitchen phone rang and her mother picked it up. Carla and I ran up the stairs as if we were being chased by wild dogs.

Carla quickly locked her bedroom door behind us. Her eyes were wide like Betty Boop she demanded to see what I had found. "Not so fast!" I said. "First close your eyes." I pulled the shiny catalogue from my skirt and held the front cover that had a picture of a Marilyn Monroe look-a-like model wearing a pink and black sequined outfit.

When Carla opened her eyes, her jaw dropped. She let out a loud "WOW!" We both jumped up and down giggling before we fell on her bed.

"Carla, Carla, shhhhhhh, listen." I whispered. The best part is that there's an order form attached inside the pages where we can send a way for a sexy... something."

After the thrill or thirteenth time pointing over the pages we decided to pull our babysitting money and our allowances to buy a "Self Bra." Well he co-owners of a brasserie that'd lift and squeeze what little we had on our best. The ad said that this bra was revolutionary. It came with a magical straw, which allowed a woman to inflate as much femininity as she desired into this wonder undergarment, thus giving her a cleavage that could rival any over screen sex goddess.

"We will look like movie stars," I promised.

"Yes, yes!" Carla yelled. I smiled as I noticed that she was even more far chested than I was. We were exhilarated at the potential promises this bra would "help" for us.

We stood up on the bed bouncing and laughing, throwing pillows in to the air. After a few minutes we felt down, exhausted with joy, talking quietly.

"I just thought of a plan, Carla. We will flip a coin to see who'd get to wear it to the Sock Hop next month.

"I can be one of us if it is not going to be a wolf. I will not be a plain Jane. Can you imagine the look on Mr. A's face when she sees the new glamorous Me wearing my secret weapon?"

"Mr. A is such a stuck-up which with a capital "B" since she got all the boys' attention after padding her "training bra."

"Carla if we want to look more grown up we will have to practice walking differently."

"Like how?" she asked me.

I got up from the bed. "With shoulders swaying, like this," I said as I demonstrated my best Marilyn Monroe walk.

"Oh Jane, you can already walk like Marilyn, but I bet that you will do it even better when you are wearing 'The Self'."

"I really have to go home now," I finally said. "The catalogue will be safer here. You don't have a rug-rat sister to share your room with. Do you want to put the catalogue under your mattress?"

"Ha! No, that's where I leave my 'G' rated diary for my mom to snoop through. I will put it in the big dictionary on top of the bookcase. Not even my brother will look there."

"By the way, where is that cute brother of yours?"

"Cute? Oh yuck! You have got to be kidding me, Jane."

"Jane, Jane, Jane, not so bad. He is tall and a bit mature."

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CERRITOS LIBRARY INVESTS IN TECH FOR TEENS

Rachel Tagawa and Nathaniel Yu use an iMac inside the Cerritos Library's new teen technology center. The facility officially opens Saturday.

• Cerritos preps for opening of new 2,500-sq-ft teen tech studio at city library.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

CERRITOS – In an effort to expand educational and creative resources for teenage patrons, the Cerritos Library on Saturday will unveil a new, 2,500-sq-ft, teen studio, featuring 18 Apple iMac work stations, three 65-inch interactive touch screens, and more than 7,000 books and documents.

City council members on Monday lauded the new state-of-the-art facility as the next generation of technology for the next generation of learners.

"This is not just a library for books, but for learning," said Councilwoman Carol Chen, who initially proposed the concept of a teen studio. "It's not just for reading, it's a whole learning experience with the newest and latest technology — we want to nurture that in our kids."

Filled with everything from classic literature and graphic novels to popular books and non-fiction, the teen studio is just as much a library as it is a computerized classroom with space for both group and individual study.

In addition to new iMac computers, the studio center also boasts a 49-inch computer touch screen that allows up to four people to view and interact with digital content, take

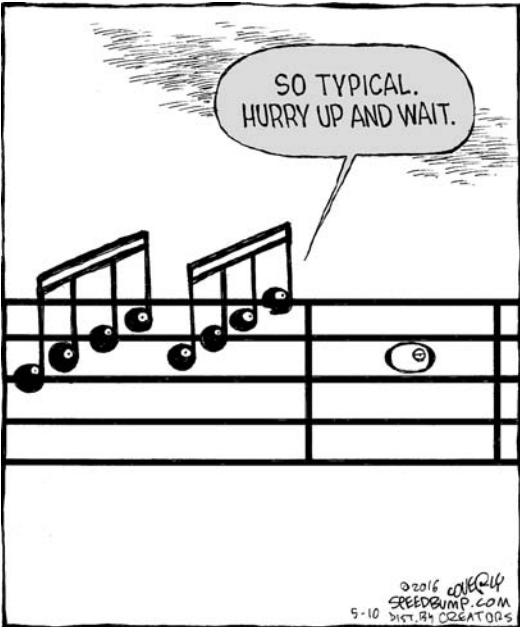
At a cost of more than \$200,000, the teen studio, which will be approximately 70 people, will be a teen library cardholders between 13 and 18 years old.

Similarly, junior high school students can use the new facility to research, take

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 14

6 p.m. - Brush Strokes & Beverages - Norwalk Cultural Arts Center

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MONDAYS

1st, 6:00 p.m. - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers

TUESDAYS

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Excelsior High School
1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office
2nd & 4th, - Toastmasters Meetings - Norwalk Library
1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers
3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 a.m. - Woman's Club - Masonic Lodge
12:00 p.m. - Rotary - Doubletree Hotel
1st, 12:30 p.m. - Soroptimist International - Soroptimist Village
1st & 3rd, 7:00 p.m. - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant
2nd & 4th, 1:30 p.m. - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center
2nd & 4th, 7:30 p.m. - Planning Commission - Council Chambers
4th, 11:30 a.m. - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

THURSDAYS

1:00 p.m. - Adult color club "Color Us Happy" - Norwalk Library
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church
2nd, 7:30 p.m. - Golden Trowel -Norwalk Masonic Lodge
3rd, 8:00 p.m. - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.

SATURDAYS

2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - First Christian Church of Norwalk
Have an event you want listed? E-mail news@thedowneypatriot.com

On This Day...

May 13, 1917: Three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, reported seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary.
1985: Philadelphia police dropped an explosive onto the headquarters of the radical group MOVE; 11 people died in the resulting fire.
2003: The government unveiled a new version of the \$20 bill.
Birthdays: R&B singer Stevie Wonder (66), former presidential candidate John Kasich (64), basketball player Dennis Rodman (55), TV show host Stephen Colbert (52), pop singer Darius Rucker (50), actor Robert Pattinson (30) and actress Lena Dunham (30).

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by Gail Grabowski

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