

respondent: Born and raised.

#00:00:45-3# interviewer 1 : First of all I would like to know what you used to call this place?

#00:00:51-5# respondent: This place?

#00:00:52-2# interviewer 1: Like the area *La Calle*.

#00:00:54-2# interviewer 2: The Downtown Tucson area.

#00:00:54-9# respondent: Downtown Tucson?

#00:00:56-9# interviewer 3: Or where did you live?

#00:00:58-0# respondent: I lived in Farmington. You know where Farmington is? Farmington and 22nd.

#00:01:10-9# interviewer 2: Is it by Cherrybell or passed it?

#00:01:12-3# respondent: Oh no, no. On this side right here on the Sun Motel and all that.

#00:01:18-4# interviewer 2: Oh yes!

#00:01:20-5# respondent: Where Ledia was born. It would be 24th and Farmington. That's where I was raised, right there. But I was born on 22nd.

#00:01:32-8# interviewer 1: What was the fondest memory you have of this place?

#00:01:36-1# interviewer 2: Wait I think first what she was trying to ask was, What did you call the Downtown Area?

#00:01:42-3# respondent: The Downtown Area? We used to call it *La Calle*, *bamos al pueblo*, *bamos para la calle*. My mom... I was always with my mom going Downtown. Y ella decia, "*Bamos para la Calle*." And I used to say, "*Que calle?*" You know to me it was a street. No, what *calle?* y luego, "*Pues que no necesitas something from Learners?*" "*Oh para el pueblo*," I would say. But she called it *La Calle* and to me I thought we were

going to some street out there (laughing) because *calle* to me was a street out there. And then I would say, "*Para que calle bamos.*" And then she would say, "*Pues que no tienes que ir al Learners?*" Do you speak Spanish?

#00:02:25-5# interviewer 1: No.

#00:02:26-6# respondent: Oh, I am so sorry.

#00:02:28-1# interviewer1: It's okay.

#00:02:30-2# interviewer 2: It is okay, you can say it in Spanish.

#00:02:31-0# interviewer 3: We speak Spanish and we can help her understand.

#00:02:35-4# respondent: Okay. And she would say "*bamos para La Calle*" and I would say, "What street?" I thought *calle* was a street, to me. And then I would say, "*bamos para el pueblo, Downtown.*" So we used to go to downtown but she used to call it *calle y yo lo decia pueblo.*

#00:02:50-8# interviewer 2: Because it looks like a *pueblo, verdad?*

#00:02:54-6# respondent: Yeah.

#00:02:54-9# interviewer 1: What's your connection to Pueblo?

#00:02:57-1# respondent: To who?

#00:02:57-9# interviewer 1: To the *Calle?*

#00:02:59-1# respondent: La *calle*, which is Downtown?

#00:03:01-2# interviewer 1: Yes.

#00:03:02-5# respondent: Well I didi most of my having fun downtown. The movies, eating, buying clothes downtown.

#00:03:16-9# interviewer 3: Tell me about growing up in La Calle or en el Pueblo.

#00:03:23-9# respondent: Growing up there? Okay we used to go grocery shopping right there in the Market and we used to go to Downtown to have hotdogs. I used to go to the movies on Saturdays. We used to go to the Greyhound station to play games. I used to go shopping on Learners in the white house and we used to go eat. I loved to go to worthword , "Mclarens", (incomprehensible) but it was a dry shop but a dress shop. We used to do a lot of shopping Downtown. We went to the movies.

#00:04:07-0# interviewer 2: What movies did you see?

#00:04:08-8# respondent: Well we used to go... at that time there was the Cine Plaza and then across there was The State Theater, habia Liric and Fox. There were a few you know. So we would go to one and go to the next one. If we didn't like a movie then we would get out. At that time it was only ten, 20, 25 cents to go and see a movie at that time. So we used to go to the movies there and just walk around. They used to have a great buffet like the one they have right there in Congress. It used to be Downtown too. We used to go.

#00:04:50-2# respondent: I used to go to Safford and we used to have lunch there, me and my mom. My mom and I used to go eat there.

#00:04:55-5# interviewer 2: Is that *El Charro*?

#00:04:57-0# respondent: No, no. It was a buffet. No *El Charro* was on this side. So we had a lot of fun Downtown. Why they nocked it down? I do not understand. That was the best part of Tucson, I would say.

#00:05:11-6# interviewer 3: Mrs. Rita, so you said you were born on 22nd Street right? So when did you moved Downtown? Because 22nd Street is kinds of far from like the Downtown area. So how old where you when you moved.

#00:05:25-2# respondent: You know, 22nd and Tint, there used to be little apartments. I was born there but we never lived Downtown; we lived in the apartments. So when I was born we went home. They took my mom because she was giving birth, so they brought her to this little house that belong to I think my aunt or my grandma or somebody. And then they took this little Christmas doll because I was born on December 22nd. So then

we went home to Farmington.

#00:06:05-9# interviewer 2: How far of a walk was it from Farmington to La Calle and La Plaza?

#00:06:10-7# respondent: Oh it wasn't that far because we knew our shortcuts, how to go. When we came home from shopping we would take a taxi home. Sometimes my aunt... she lived right behind us, she would give us a ride or a neighbor. My dad was working. But most of the time we would walk or they would give us a ride, my aunt, my nina would give us a ride. So it was very interesting.

#00:06:42-2# interviewer 2: Do you remember how long it would take you to walk?

#00:06:44-8# respondent: Oh, I would say about, at that time I was much younger and my mom was young, let's say about half of an hour because I used to kick the rocks.

#00:07:02-4# interviewer 1: How would you spend your day?

#00:07:04-3# respondent: When?

#00:07:05-4# interviewer 1: Like what would you do?

#00:07:07-5# respondent: At home or Downtown?

#00:07:09-3# interviewer 1: Downtown.

#00:07:10-2# respondent: Downtown, we would go to the movies and then after the movies we would skip and go across the street to another theater. We didn't like that movie we would go to another movie theater and then we would go have lunch. We would go play with the little machines at the Greyhound.

#00:07:25-6# interviewer 1: What kind of movies did you watch?

#00:07:27-4# respondent: At Cine Plaza there was Spanish movies but my aunt used to work there. My aunt Delia used to work there and Virginia which where across the street from where there used to be the Vets, air

force guys and (incomprehensible). It was very interesting but I had... my aunt and her friends used to work at Plaza and we used to go to the (incomprehensible) in the morning. And then we would go across the street and go to Liric and then go to lunch and then just walk up and down.

#00:08:05-8# respondent: Because there was about one, two, three... about five or six girls that lived in Farmington and we would get together and makes plans and we would take off.

#00:08:20-1# interviewer 1: You would make fun?

#00:08:21-5# respondent: Plans to go but we had to be home by three, before it got dark, or we would not go the following week.

#00:08:31-9# interviewer 2: What time was this? Because you said, "At that time it was 25 cents."

#00:08:35-6# respondent: When it was like let's say, about 12 or 13.

#00:08:46-2# interviewer 2: When you were 13? But what year was it? Because you said it was like 10 cents a movie. Not that I am trying to find out how old you are. (laughing)

#00:08:55-6# respondent: Way back. I think we were younger than that because we used to get together but it wasn't as expensive as it is right now.

#00:09:06-2# interviewer 3: Mrs. Rita what is the earliest memory that you have of going Downtown? Was it with both your parents?

#00:09:13-7# respondent: I think it was with my mom about five years old because she would have to hold my hand. I used to hate it because I would get tired and cranky.

#00:09:25-0# interviewer 3: And what would you do? Do you remember that memory when you were five holding your mother, where did she go?

#00:09:30-3# respondent: She used to go to Del Monte Market to get groceries and I used to hate it cause the store stunk (laughing).

#00:09:37-0# interviewer 2: What did it stink like?

#00:09:38-4# respondent: To me. I do not know. She said the store did not stink but to me it stunk. And then she... the lady that would be the cashier and Henry the owner of the Market... they would just talk and talk and talk. And to me I just hated going grocery shopping because of that reasoning. She used to shop at that market for so many years, she knew them and she knew Henry the owner, Henry G. She knew the owner and the girl... the lady, it was an older lady that worked there. I used to hate it because she would talk and talk and talk. And she said, "*Be agara un dulce.*" So I would get a candy but that didn't satisfied me, I was tired.

#00:10:27-0# interviewer 3: And what would you do after that?

#00:10:28-8# respondent: After that, depending on.... we would leave the grocery shop... they were putting behind the counter and then we would go if I needed something, I would go to Learners. It was a big dress shop for women. We would go to Franklin and then she would take me to satisfied me she would take me to (incomprehensible) or Cress to buy me an ice cream or... so that I wouldn't be cranky.

#00:11:00-5# interviewer 2: I was just going to ask, what language did you speak?

#00:11:03-5# respondent: At that time?

#00:11:04-2# interviewer 2: Yeah, what language did your mom speak with the benders?

#00:11:05-7# respondent: Both. English and Spanish. But my dad was more dominant in English but my mom spoke both. And she spoke a lot of French too.

#00:11:24-1# interviewer 3: Can you tell us a little bit more about your family? Were you frequent Downtown with your sisters, with your father, your mother?

#00:11:33-4# respondent: No because at that time it was always my mom and me, that used to go shopping (grocery shopping) because the other ones were... Like junior my brother, he was a terrible kid, a trouble maker...

so we wouldn't take him. Ernesto was younger and Lidia wasn't born yet . So it was always my mom and me that were always together, shopping (grocery shopping). It was always us.

#00:12:04-8# interviewer 3: Up until what age?

#00:12:06-7# respondent: Oh I would say till I started going to Pueblo and I started noticing boys (laughing). I'll be honest. And I got a boyfriend and then my boyfriend and I would.... (his name was Raul). He would take us shopping, instead of us walking, he was the one that took all over.

#00:12:40-3# interviewer 2: Did you hang out in La Calle with Raul, when you were together?

#00:12:45-6# respondent: No, the only time he wanted to go was to eat hotdogs (laughing). I always wanted to go to Learners or lady shops. He was very...

#00:13:00-8# interviewer 2: What was the hotdog place called?

#00:13:02-9# respondent: Kelpies, at that time it was called kelpies. Ledia was telling me that it is the same as they have now.

#00:13:12-8# interviewer 3: Mrs. Rita would your father, when he went to Downtown, what kinds of things would he do?

#00:13:16-6# respondent: He hardly ever go Downtown. He didn't like to go. He got out of work, he used to work for the city of Tucson and he worked his hours and then he would get home. Very rarely would he go out. He drank at home but he didn't like going shopping or anything. It was always my mom and me.

#00:13:40-7# interviewer 1: What was your least memorable moment at Downtown?

#00:13:44-5# respondent: The least? When I got hit my car at that Robles Service Station (laughing). I think that was the least but I have very fund memories of Downtown, very fund.

#00:14:03-6# interviewer 3: What happened during that incident?

#00:14:06-8# respondent: Okay it was the Robles. I don't know if you guys know him. They had a, it is not there anymore, a service station like that and we... I was wanting a soda, like a little girl. So we stopped there to get a soda. When I was coming out... my mom came out first and then I was coming out and this car (he was drinking). He came and hit like right here and I just fell in one knee. And then Frank the owner of the gas station, he came out and that is the least memorable moment, every other thing was really nice Downtown.

#00:14:46-7# interviewer 2: Where you hurt?

#00:14:47-4# respondent: No, not really. It was more the fright, I was so scared you know. I thought he had broken my leg or something but no, I got up.

#00:14:58-4# interviewer 1: What local gathering did you guys have at Downtown?

#00:15:03-4# respondent: At Downtown. It was mostly, you know, it was mostly for adults because they used to have that dance hall across from the Plaza Theater. I remember we used to sneak in because everything... you go in and everything is going down. Everything was held down stairs. The girls and I would just go in there and peak and we could hear the music. Pero mostly there was nothing for younger kids there.

#00:15:33-4# interviewer 2: What musics was there at the Dance Hall?

#00:15:36-8# respondent: Spanish, corridos and things like that. There wasn't anything for teenagers. The only ones that ever ha something for kids were the Santa Cruz Church, they had teen dances. Which was about twice a month. The Santa Cruz Church right there on 22nd and South 6th. But at the Calle... and then they had little bars which we couldn't get in. Little bars here and there. So it was mostly for adults, I would say.

#00:16:38-7# interviewer 2: But did they have Festivals or things like that?

#00:16:42-9# respondent: Festivals? I don't recall that.

#00:16:51-5# interviewer 3: What do you remember about the Plazita? Do

you remember going to the Plazita?

#00:16:58-4# respondent: Really rarely because I didn't like things where adults... I rather be where kids were like my friend or things like that.

#00:17:11-7# interviewer 3: So what would you do with your friends, aside from going to the movies? Walks us through... Imagine that we are going back in time and we are that age and all three of us are your friends. Where would we go?

#00:17:24-0# respondent: We wouldn't take rides we would walk it and just play and just sing all the way over there and argue what we are going to do. And then we would flip coins to see... I want to go to this theater that theater, like that.

#00:17:43-8# interviewer 2: What songs would you sing?

#00:17:47-4# respondent: There was one, Elvira. She always wanted to sing Christmas carols (laughing). Her and her Christmas carols oh my god. So then all of us got together and one started singing a song and would all join her. When ever one started or we would just hop or run or skip but it was a lot of fun, for us you know.

#00:18:15-9# interviewer 2: What was the music of the day when you where kids like that?

#00:18:19-7# respondent: At that time it was just come corridos, bambos, that I recall.

#00:18:29-8# interviewer 2: So in Spanish? You guys would sing in Spanish?

#00:18:33-7# respondent: Well both, English and Spanish but at that time I didn't like mexican music (laughing).

#00:18:39-6# interviewer 2: You didn't like it.

#00:18:40-4# respondent: No, I liked the 60s, 70s and 80s musics pero there was two of my friends that loved mexican music but I wasn't too much into mexican music. So I would rather hear Rock and Roll, things like that.

To me that was it. We never fought about that , when ever they wanted to hear I would go along with them. Except for the Christmas carols de la Elvira (laughing). That was very entertaining.

#00:19:30-1# interviewer 3: What were people like in Downtown?

#00:19:33-4# respondent: Downtown. There was one lady that worked there in Franklins that I couldn't stand. She was very rude but aside from her everyone was very nice. I don't think I ever met anybody that... they were all very nice, they were very polite.

#00:19:52-7# interviewer 3: Do you have any funny stories? Or nay kind of stories/memories of people that you would meet in Downtown? Or when you where with your friends, somethings that might have happened when you where walking Downtown and playing around? Or when your friends would sing Christmas Carols.

#00:20:05-9# respondent: No. I just remember one man that told Elvira was when she was singing, "Are you crazy?" He told her, " Are you mentally retarded?" And then she says, "No, why?" "Do you know what month it is." "Of course I do, I go to school, I go to Safford!" "Why are you sining Christmas Carols?" "Well if you don't like it just plug your ears." (laughing) Things like that but other wise everybody was very friendly to us, you know: adults, men, women, other kids. There was never fights or arguments at the theaters. So it was very very confronting. I don't know why they nocked everything down cause I would be sending my grandkids to the theaters.

#00:20:52-6# interviewer 3: What do you miss the most?

#00:20:53-9# respondent: About Downtown? Their ice cream cause there was one, two, three, four different places where you could buy the best ice cream cones, ice cream sundays and things like that and worthword was one of the best.

#00:21:09-8# interviewer 1: Where id your family go after the Downtown was destroyed? After the construction.

#00:21:18-8# respondent: After the construction came through? Then when the I10 went through because remember we were here on this side. Okay

this is I10, we lived on this side. So we used to... before they put the I10 we used to shortcut through here. Once the I10 came we had to go all the way through 22nd , which was longer for us or then we would get a ride. By that time my husband.. my boyfriend because my husband... he would take us because it was a further walk. And that's what happened when I was going to school too. This I10 interfered.

#00:22:01-7# interviewer 2: What year was that? Do you remember what year that was?

#00:22:04-9# respondent: Hay come on!!! (laughing) Okay I went six years to Ochoa... no five years to Ochoa. There was no I10. On my sixth year the I10 went through. So I got transferred to Marylin which was right there on Ajo. And then from Ajo I had to go to Safford and then I had a choice to go to... no from there I went to Safford and then to Pueblo. Pero este I10... because along the I10 there was a lot of big trees and where people used to live. And I don't know what happened. Pit Tadeo which is from south Tucson used to (incomprehensible). They used to lived in this side and we were all friends, we used to play in the big trees on weekend. I used to be a tomboy, I could bit them all. And the calle was one of the best places we would go.

#00:23:11-2# interviewer 3: Mrs. Rita did you have family that lived Downtown that you would visit sometimes?

#00:23:18-0# respondent: Well my grandmother used to live on Mayor, right where Candy corner from Jerry Market, which is no longer there. My grandma used to lived on 715 West Mayor and then for time being my aunt moved next to her. But my mama Rita, she lived there.

#00:23:51-4# interviewer 3: For how many years?

#00:23:52-6# respondent: Oh I would say about five years, she live there.

#00:23:55-6# interviewer 3: Did you visited her there?

#00:23:56-7# respondent: Oh yes because there was a big hole in the back of her little place and we used to go play. It was a big wall and we used to play soldiers.

#00:24:09-8# interviewer 3: And what do you remember about your grandmother?

#00:24:12-3# respondent: Oh she was the sweetest lady. There used to be a Chinese Oriental store right there in the corner and she would give us quarters and everything. Chino Manuel, we used to call him (laughing) and we used to go there.

#00:24:28-4# interviewer 2: Did Chino Manuel speak Spanish?

#00:24:30-8# respondent: Si. Oh yeah and my aunt Nitcy, which passed away tambien. Ella, she used to live there too.

#00:24:41-3# interviewer 3: And would you visit her?

#00:24:43-0# respondent: Oh yea!

#00:24:43-9# interviewer 3: And what would you do in her house?

#00:24:47-5# respondent: With my grandma? First we helped her with the house and then we would go to the backyard and play. And then she would call us in to eat and then we would clean the kitchen.

#00:24:57-0# interviewer 3: Would you go with your grandmother to El Pueblo?

#00:24:59-6# respondent: No, everything was brought to her by her daughters, by my aunts.

#00:25:07-5# interviewer 3: Did you ever go with your aunts Downtown?

#00:25:10-5# respondent: No. I rather stay and play in the backyard and they would take off and go but never with my aunts.

#00:25:18-6# interviewer 3: Do you remember any stories that your grandmother would tell you about Tucson?

#00:25:23-8# respondent: About Tucson no. She used to tell about La Llorona and things like that you know.

#00:25:31-7# interviewer 3: What about La Llorona?

#00:25:34-3# respondent: That when the river... because remember I used to lived here and then the arollo used to pass through here. When it rain sometimes it would overflow. And then I used to tell her, "We are going to go swimming to El Arollo." And then she said, "Remember cabrona the Llorona is going to get you." (laughing) Excuse my French but that is what she would tell us and she would scare us. I have always been very miedosa. Oh she would always make fun of me for being so mediosa. So she would tell us all these ghost stories.

#00:26:12-2# interviewer 3: Do you remember other ones that where about Tucson?

#00:26:15-6# respondent: No, just the Llorona stuck here.

#00:26:19-6# interviewer 3: Because you lived closed to the Arrollo?

#00:26:21-5# respondent: Yes. But my grandma was a very sweet person. She moved to my neighborhood. When she left Mayor she went to Farmington and then she got (incomprehensible) of me. Then I became afraid of her.

#00:26:42-7# interviewer 1: Did your mom tell you stories about the place, Downtown?

#00:26:48-0# respondent: Not really because I was I always with her Downtown. So what she saw I saw. She would tell me, "Oh el Henry this and then she used to know the people that used to run the "Mayorness" , the White House. So she would tell me she meet the mother of law of this and the sister of that one. And to me at that time, you know not small but to me that was of no interest. You know, to me that was a boring conversation.

#00:27:22-7# interviewer 3: She would tell you that as you where walking Downtown.

#00:27:26-5# respondent: Oh yeah and even in the store. At Learners she had about four, five ladies she knew. SHe said, "Te acuerdas de ella?" "No." Y luego, "Oh she is so and so related to this and that." And then in

Worthword I remember that lady working there and she used to be... because my mom was married before she married my dad. She used to be an in all. Oh my god I disliked that lady so much because once we went in there... and I used to tell my mom, "Please, please (Betina was her name) don't stay always talking to Betina mom. If you do I am going to walk off and I am going home." So she would buy me an ice cream, or soda. What does she do when I turned? She was talking to that lady. "Go get what you need." "I don't need anything."

#00:28:36-6# respondent: "Oh remember this lady." I don't even know this family she is talking about. So to me it was boring.

#00:28:46-0# interviewer 3: Is that why you didn't like her?

#00:28:47-8# respondent: Who?

#00:28:49-2# interviewer 1: Betian.

#00:28:50-3# respondent: Yes because they were always talking. I used to tell my mom, "Don't." And she would look at me (laughing). She never said hi to me (laughing). Oh I didn't like her.

#00:29:01-3# interviewer 2: Is that the lady you mentioned earlier or this is someone else?

#00:29:04-9# respondent: That was somebody else. The rude lady was the one, the big heavy one that used to work in the Franklin's. I used to hated because she was always... the racks of clothes... I would go see a certain blouse because I never wore dresses and I still don't. The blouses and the pants and she would come and just look. "Are you going to try that on?" "I am just looking. Give me time." And then she would and say, "Have you decided which one you want?" "You know what lady, I don't want anything. I am going to Learners." She was so rude. She thought we where going to steal or I was going to steal. When my mother was out there talking to that other friend. Pero to me those friends, I didn't know who they where. She knew them but I didn't. Yeah so it was interesting but I liked it better when I went with my friends. With my mom I had to go and be polite. "Y no agas cara." "Okay." (laughing) So it was very interesting. I used to love going Downtown, very much.

#00:30:22-0# interviewer 2: With your friends?

#00:30:22-8# respondent: My friends! Yes!

#00:30:26-8# interviewer 3: Do you remember their names?

#00:30:28-0# respondent: Yeah! Elvira, Edilia, Petra, Orlanda y la Terry.

#00:30:34-4# interviewer 2: Do you keep in touch with any of them?

#00:30:36-5# respondent: Yeah I keep in touch with Terry. Oirta she is Fernandez. She is the one that has Casa Terresitas, she runs a nursing home. And Elvira passed away pobresita, en paz descanse. Edilia, she is just a stay home because she became very ill. The other two moved... viven en Eloy.

#00:31:06-4# interviewer 3: So if we would have gone with you and your friends.

#00:31:08-8# respondent: Oh you would have fun!

#00:31:10-7# interviewer 3: On a Saturday night. Takes us there. What would we do?

#00:31:16-1# respondent: A Saturday night we had to home by 3:00. We couldn't stay later than 3:00. Every time we went to La Calle we had to be... we could leave by 8:00 in the morning but we had to be home by 3:00. They wouldn't let us stay. They would say all of the borrachos would go Downtown and they wanted us home by 3:00.

#00:31:43-2# interviewer 3: So in the hours that you had before it was 3:00, what would we do if we went with you Downtown?

#00:31:48-9# respondent: Oh we would go to the movies, we would walk around, in and out trying clothes (laughing) and trying on shoes and then we would model in front. "Does this look okay?" "Are you going to buy that?" No, we decided not to, so we would go to another store (laughing). We would go to the movies, buy ice cream cones and go to Kelpies and go to the Greyhound Station, things like that.

#00:32:18-5# interviewer 2: What kinds of games were at the Greyhound station?

#00:32:19-7# respondent: Just little old King Kong, just like stupid games.

#00:32:25-4# interviewer 2: Like the pin pong one? Pin Ball I mean.

#00:32:26-3# respondent: Yeah. Pin Ball something like that. To us, at that time, it was something... so it was a lot of fun for us.

#00:32:38-6# interviewer 3: Do you have any interesting memories about when you went Downtown with your friends, say on a Saturday day?

#00:32:45-3# respondent: Well, when the boys used to meet us over there (laughing) then we would go to the park and just sit and having a good time, just talking and talking, on the swings. They would go home and we would go back Downtown and finish our..

#00:33:05-1# interviewer 2: That's what I was going to ask you. Did you see kids from school at Downtown too?

#00:33:08-9# respondent: Oh yeah because practically... well that was the only place we could go to have fun. So, todos los kids que hibas at Safford, they would all meet Downtown at the theater, at different theater. Like we would leave this theater and let's say Liric had more friends that where there. Then we would go to Fox there would be more kids there that we knew from school. So it was obviously interacting with different friends cause that was the only entertainment that we had at that time. Y luego la church Santa Cruz only had two teen dances a month. So that was very interesting.

#00:33:52-7# interviewer 2: And the people that worked at the stores, did they speak Spanish? What did they look like?

#00:34:00-1# respondent: I would say, some spoke Spanish, some puro English.

#00:34:06-4# interviewer 2: Where they anglo? Like the ladies at the store, at that dress shop.

#00:34:11-6# respondent: Except for my mom's friend, Betina. Pero todos los demas eras Americanos. Los duenos de las tiendas.

#00:34:23-9# interviewer 2: And they where still nice to you?

#00:34:25-0# respondent: Yeah.

#00:34:26-8# interviewer 2: Except for the mean lady.

#00:34:28-3# respondent: The mean lady from Franklins. I still remember her. Pero otherwise we had a good time Downtown. And with my mom we used to go eat and mostly I used to like Worthword because it had the greatest hamburgers.

#00:34:50-7# interviewer 3: Where they expensive?

#00:34:51-9# respondent: No, a hamburger and your fries... she only paid 2.95 and for the soda it was only 50 some cents. So it wasn't that bad.

#00:35:02-8# interviewer 3: Did your mother or dad give you money?

#00:35:04-6# respondent: My dad? No, he gave my mom money. My mom would give me money but most of the time she would pay because she got mad cause I was buying candy. "Que no necesitabas calcetines?" "Pues que no me los vas a comprar?" (laughing)

#00:35:23-0# interviewer 2: But when you went with your friends your parents gave you money?

#00:35:26-2# respondent: Oh yeah, she would give me money, yeah, of course. She would give me \$10 and those \$10 where... right now you can't do nothing with \$10. At that time it stretched. She would give \$10 to go, you know. Pero it lasted for a whole day and I still came back with money. Pero now a days \$10 doesn't event get you to the corner store.

#00:35:53-1# interviewer 2: So that was your Saturday money? That was your weekend money?

#00:35:55-7# respondent: And then on Sunday I had to wake up and go to church and then go back. Sunday was no going out because there was

school tomorrow.

#00:36:04-4# interviewer 3: So when your mother would go buying... go Downtown to buy, say she went to the grocery store, what kinds of things would she buy?

#00:36:11-8# respondent: My mom? She would buy her meat porque teninan fresh meat. He had a (incomprehensible) shop, Henry. And she would buy her meats, vegetables, can goods, soups, tomato sauce, cheese, sandwich cuts, things like that.

#00:36:31-8# interviewer 3: And what else would she do Downtown? Your mom.

#00:36:36-2# respondent: She would go with me to Learners, Franklins, to different stores.

#00:36:42-1# interviewer 2: Did your mom like to shop too?

#00:36:43-3# respondent: Oh she loved it! I would get tired before she did. She loved to go shopping.

#00:36:51-5# interviewer 3: What about your family? What was your family like? How many sisters did you have?

#00:36:56-9# respondent: Two. The oldest passed away a year ago and then Ledia.

#00:37:02-8# interviewer 3: And one brother you said?

#00:37:03-9# respondent: Two brothers: Daniel and Ernesto.

#00:37:06-9# interviewer 3: The trouble maker?

#00:37:07-8# respondent: Yeah that was Daniel Jr.

#00:37:10-9# interviewer 3: So would you ever go Downtown with them?

#00:37:13-8# respondent: Oh no because Ernesto is one of the youngest. El Jr... I call him Jr. se llama Daniel like my dad. Pero Junior he was into

trabesuras, you know with his friends. They where just... I didn't like him around me. So he would take of one way and I would take off this way. He would ask me, "Where are you going?" "We are going to Terry's house. We are going to bake cookies or something." But we would talk down to La Calle. So he thought all the time we were at Terry's house but we were at the Calle. But I never liked him around me. And then Ernest... he was so young, he was still a little kid, he was about four or five.

#00:38:04-5# interviewer 3: And for the years that you lived there did you ever go with your siblings at all to Downtown?

#00:38:12-0# respondent: No.

#00:38:12-5# interviewer 2: You never ran into them? Like Junior, you never ran into him there?

#00:38:17-0# respondent: No, never did. If I would see him I would turn around and go that way. (laughing) Pobresito he is really sick right now but at that time we could be together. I couldn't get along with him. He was very mean to me. And Ernesto.. now me and him are very close but very ages wise I am a lot older than him. (laughing) Like me and Delia we are very close but we are very far apart in years.

#00:38:58-1# interviewer 2: I was going to ask you. What kind of people did you see at La Calle? Was it all Latinos or was it a mixture?

#00:39:05-0# respondent: What I remember, mas Americanos. Habian Latinos but very limited.

#00:39:15-5# interviewer 1: And how would you guys interact with these Americans?

#00:39:21-5# respondent: You know, I've always been the friendly type. "Hello, how are you, good morning, good afternoon, bye, nice seeing you." I am always been the friendly type. As long as they didn't bother me I wouldn't bother them. Or if I accidentally bump into them, "Excuse me." They never bothered us and the Latinos didn't either.

#00:39:57-6# interviewer 2: Everybody keep to their own? Or did the people mix?

#00:40:00-1# respondent: I remember ellos los Americanos would keep to their selves and los kids que iban a las movies... They wouldn't go to Cine Plaza because they were all Spanish. But let say for Liric if they went to the movies they had their own sitting over there. They wouldn't interact with us. So they sat over there, we sat in this side. Even though they were our school friends they would still sit over there. Because we used to tell them, " Come sit in this side the screen is better." "No we are going to sit on this side." That is the way it was but we would talk to each other. We would be yelling... "Hey Carmen!" Like that but in different sitting or maybe they would sit on the same section but we would sit here and they would sit a couple of rows and they would sit in this side but never together.

#00:41:09-5# interviewer 2: And would people date? And American with a Latino?

#00:41:16-0# respondent: I don't remember them doing that.

#00:41:22-5# interviewer 3: Do you remember seeing any particular set of people all the time when ever you would go Downtown? Like people that would stand out that you remember always seeing.

#00:41:32-0# interviewer 2: Like characters.

#00:41:32-9# respondent: Characters? A few, the store owners mostly.

#00:41:43-4# interviewer 2: Because some people mentioned like there was somebody with a monkey.

#00:41:49-9# respondent: Oh it used to be in front of the bank. I used to see him in front of Valley National Bank.

#00:41:56-1# interviewer 2: Can you talk about him?

#00:41:58-6# respondent: I was afraid of the monkey (laughing).

#00:42:04-6# interviewer 2: It was a real monkey that was on his shoulder?

#00:42:08-3# respondent: Yeah and he would play like this and it felt funny.

#00:42:14-7# interviewer 2: You could touch the monkey's hand like that?

#00:42:16-3# respondent: Yeah. My mom said, "Ponle esta quarter." So she gave me a quarter and I put it and it felt so funny.

#00:42:23-9# interviewer 2: And what would the monkey do?

#00:42:25-8# respondent: He would like sit back like that and if you went like this, like giving him something, he would go like this. He would jump to you and go like this and then he would tip his hat. Really cute but I was afraid of that monkey.

#00:42:43-9# interviewer 2: So the man would tip his hat?

#00:42:45-8# respondent: No, the little monkey would go like this to you and when people stopped and looked at and they wen't like this like to give his something he would jump off and go... he was really good. Most of the time I saw him at the Valley National Bank because that is where my mom banked, right in the corner of congress and church.

#00:43:17-4# interviewer 3: Would the man with the monkey say anything?

#00:43:19-5# respondent: No, he hardly talked. He would just say, "Sit, stay." But he wouldn't talk to the people around. He would just talk to the monkey but he hardly made conversation with the people around.

#00:43:34-6# interviewer 2: Can you describe him? What did he look like?

#00:43:37-0# respondent: To me he was kind of an elderly man. He always had a white hat, I always saw him in a white hat. He had black pants, I remember the black plants because he was always going like this when the monkey got close to him. But I remember the black pants and the white hat. I don't recall his shirt, I didn't pay that much attention to him.

#00:44:10-6# interviewer 1: Would you ever see him without the monkey?

#00:44:13-3# respondent: No. The only time I saw him was at the corner, right at the bank with the monkey. How they got there? I don't know. How he left with the monkey? I don't know. He was always there.

#00:44:32-8# interviewer 3: Is there anyone else you would see all the time when you would go Downtown? Somebody else was talking about a musician.

#00:44:39-7# interviewer 2: With an accordion or something.

#00:44:43-0# respondent: Was that the blind man?

#00:44:43-7# interviewer 2: I think so.

#00:44:45-3# respondent: He was blind. See sometimes I forget things pero yeah he used to be a blind man and he had a little cup. I used to stand there. He was a good accordion player and people used to drop quarters or dollars, what ever you wanted to put in there. Yeah I remember him, he was blind.

#00:45:08-2# interviewer 3: Did he ever say anything to you?

#00:45:09-1# respondent: No, I never heard him talk either.

#00:45:12-6# interviewer 2: Did he sing or was just the accordion?

#00:45:15-3# respondent: Hay mija I don't remember but I remember the blind man now that she brought it up. And to me he looked mean.

#00:45:33-7# interviewer 3: Was there anyone else you remember seeing?

#00:45:37-7# respondent: Not really, in particular.

#00:45:40-8# interviewer 3: Did your parents work Downtown or where did they work?

#00:45:44-8# respondent: My dad worked for the city of Tucson and my mom... she worked in her younger years pero as she got older no. She was a stayed home mom.

#00:45:56-8# interviewer 3: So where did your dad work? You said for the City of Tucson.

#00:45:58-9# respondent: He worked for the City of Tucson for the Water

Department.

#00:46:03-3# interviewer 3: Where was that located?

#00:46:04-7# respondent: The city of Tucson?

#00:46:05-4# interviewer 3: The water department.

#00:46:07-0# respondent: Right there where it is right now.

#00:46:12-2# interviewer 3: Where is it right now? (laughing) I don't know.

#00:46:13-5# respondent: On Main... where Main starts right here. Right there in the corner of Main... what is it 10th?

#00:46:24-8# interviewer 2: It is kind of by El Minuto sort of right.

#00:46:27-5# respondent: Yes, further down this way. You go down 10th and then you know how 10th ends on here and it goes like that. So it is right there by the I10.

#00:46:38-4# interviewer 2: That is kind of in the area.

#00:46:42-6# interviewer 3: Did you ever visit your dad at work?

#00:46:45-0# respondent: No but we used to see him all the time in the city trucks.

#00:46:59-7# interviewer 3: You said hi?

#00:47:00-9# respondent: No, we would just look at him because he said, "When you see me don't wave because I am suppose to be working." "Okay dad." But my mom, she worked in her early years. She was a maid and in her older years she was a stayed home mom that was when she had... before she Ledia she was a stayed home mom. She went to California a lot.

#00:47:30-3# interviewer 3: Did you ever go... I know you said you don't remember really liking the Plazita because there was mostly adults but when you grew older... A lot of people we've interviewed told us that they

would go. They remember the 15/16 of September..

#00:47:46-6# respondent: No, I didn't go to those fiestas because I tell you I shouldn't say pero la musica mexicana no me mueve mucho. El unico es Juan Gabriel, he is my favorite. So fiestas like that I never made it.

#00:48:16-0# interviewer 3: Did your parents go?

#00:48:17-3# respondent: No. My friends did though and they used to tell me, "Oh you don't know what you missed, this and that."

#00:48:23-4# interviewer 3: What stories would they tell you about the place?

#00:48:25-4# respondent: About the musics, "It is so good and they used to sell the best food (this and that)." "Next time you have to go." Pero I don't know for some reason... Como las fiestas they have at Kennedy, I don't go to those because they don't move me to go there.

#00:48:46-1# interviewer 2: Not even the food?

#00:48:48-2# respondent: No, no. I rather go to a musical or a play or something like that. I am not to much for that.

#00:49:06-5# interviewer 1: What made you fell a part of Downtown?

#00:49:11-9# respondent: Because I feel like I was accepted by the people that ran the theaters, the ice cream places, the stores. They never said anything against me. They never yelled at us. So I feel like I am part of it because they didn't tell me get out of here.

#00:49:36-1# interviewer 2: Did that happened to you some other place?

#00:49:39-8# respondent: Not that I remember but she asked me about The Calle. And I felt expected and that is why we kept going back and back.

#00:49:51-1# interviewer 3: Was this during the time in school you couldn't speak Spanish? When you where going to school?

#00:49:59-8# respondent: You know I never had a bad problem. I never had that problem. Yo ablaba en Espanol en la Ochoa and I never had a problem with a teacher telling me, "Hey no puedes habr en Espanol aqui." I've heard a lot of people complain. I know (incomprehensible) was like that. They used to hit my husband in the hand because he was talking Spanish. I never had that problem and I used to talk a lot of Spanish in la Ochoa and Safford. And I never had a problem with that. Que me dijieran, "Tienes que hablar puro Ingles." I never had that problem. So I don't know but I think some might have.

#00:50:52-1# interviewer 2: I guess because you said you felt accepted en la Calle.

#00:50:57-7# respondent: When we were Downtown we would speak both, Spanish and English pero if I knew that a store owner did not speak Spanish I would speak English to them. If I knew she only spoke Spanish I would talk to her in Spanish. I was trying to be polite. Like right now, I knew she didn't speak Spanish, I made the mistake of talking to her in Spanish. Pero asi era. I was accepted, not because of the language or anything but the way I felt.

#00:51:39-7# interviewer 2: Sound like it felt like home.

#00:51:41-0# respondent: Yes! Something like a second home. I could go and trust everyone there. If something happened they would be there for me, helped me out.

#00:51:50-8# interviewer 3: Mrs. Rita when that was gone, so when they destroyed all of that and you could no longer go to Downtown, so the places that you did go was there a difference? Did you notice a difference?

#00:52:01-4# respondent: Oh, yes! Of course, it is so... like right now it is so dead. There is nothing. If I were to take, let say three of my grandchildren. "Oh lets go Downtown, vamos para la calle." There is nothing that would be entertaining for them like it was for me. There was a lot. There is nothing right now, what is there? Look of all the new school that they brought in, look what there was before when I used to go. My grandkids would be laughing for taking them to place like that. There is nothing right now because when we passed through I just look at the stores. Porque Learners is not there, nothing!

#00:52:48-9# interviewer 3: How old were you when Downtown was demolished.

#00:52:55-3# respondent: I would say, this happened. I don't know, I don't recall that pero I remember it was sad.

#00:53:08-3# interviewer 3: Where were you older?

#00:53:09-1# respondent: Oh, yes.

#00:53:11-2# interviewer 3: So at that point when you were older and that was destroyed and you couldn't go because it was under construction where did you go? And wherever you went was it different? And I am not talking about the present Downtown...

#00:53:24-8# respondent: No, I don't go Downtown anymore. Not at all. I won't go Downtown anymore, there is nothing. If I go to the shopping I'll go to a mall or I'll go to Walmart, K-Mart but not Downtown, there is nothing for me down there.

#00:53:36-7# interviewer 3: But in the past, say you were maybe 20 years old when that was destroyed, so at that point where would you go then? To go shopping or go with your friends since that wasn't there?

#00:53:50-2# respondent: Because at that most of my friends like already separated, gotten married, moved out of town. Like the girls from Eloy and the other one Terry. She started her business at the nursing home. Which thank god she has three now. And one passed away already. So, I guess we made our own... Well at that time at 20 I was already married but I don't think we went back to Downtown, I still don't go Downtown.

#00:54:34-7# interviewer 2: You said it was sad. Can you talk about that a little?

#00:54:37-2# respondent: Well it was sad because for me it was like my stamping grounds, let's say that. My happiness went there when we used to do all of these travesuras Downtown (laughing). But we didn't make a mess for them. We tried clothes and we would put them back. You know, how you leave them in the fitting rooms, we would do that nicely in the hangers.

Those were our stamping grounds and then... but weren't rude or messy. We were nice little girls (laughing). So when it broke down it was kind of sad because I thought it was going to be there forever, so I could take my grandchildren and show them. "Look this is where nana used to come. This is where nana used to eat. This is where nana nought her clothes." But what can I show them? Nothing and I thought it was going to be there to stay but no. So there is nothing to show my grandkids. So that was kind of sad. Like a legacy, I thought I was going to show my grandkids what I used to do, things like that.

#00:55:48-0# respondent: To show my grandkids where nana used to hang around. "This is me and tata, used to come over here. We used to come to the park here." There is nothing I can show them. So it was really sad. Everything disappeared. Porque? Por los blancos. That is what I blame it on.

#00:56:13-4# interviewer 2: Porque? Why would they do that?

#00:56:20-7# respondent: Have you ever heard the saying, "El dinero llama al dinero?" Por eso. Money had to do a lot with it.

#00:56:29-6# interviewer 2: But it sounds like there was so much money, people went there to spent money all the time, all kinds of people.

#00:56:35-6# respondent: That is true too pero I don't know greed I guess. I don't know why they did it.

#00:56:41-0# interviewer 1: Where there a lot of protest when everything was happening?

#00:56:45-3# respondent: There was but I don't get involved in protests. I say to each their own you know. I don't get involved in things like that because I feel like if I went against it and they are for it, they are going to win. Specially if confidence if it is white people, they are going to win, so why. That is the way I feel, that is my feeling. I am sorry if I hurt anybody's feelings but that is the way I feel. I don't get involved in protest but I watch them on tv. So I think que los blancos tenina que ver mucho en nocking down everything Downtown. Todos eso que estan entrando, foreigners, que estan entrando. Have you been Downtown?

#00:57:49-0# interviewer 2: I work Downtown. Our offices are.. you know where Ben's Bells is? It is on Broadway and Church. Right where the Greyhound used to be, across the street from where I am at. The kiddy corner.

#00:58:03-8# respondent: Okay have you ever notice the Nationality of the store owners?

#00:58:07-9# interviewer 2: Oh, yeah.

#00:58:14-3# respondent: See what I mean. Ya no son Mexicanos. Ahora son puros... que estan entrando and are taking over everything and eventually they will take everything over.

#00:58:27-4# interviewer 2: So before when it was La Calle it was more like the local people. People that had been here for years.

#00:58:33-2# respondent: Yes, oh yea.

#00:58:36-2# interviewer 2: Even though you said that you said that they were not white people working there.

#00:58:40-8# respondent: Pero había employees que eras Latinos because they had to serve the Spanish speakers and the American Speakers. So they had a lot of Latinos working.

#00:58:56-9# respondent: Que fuimos? Oh, y son el Rene had to go to the District or I don't know. So we went walking and all I could see was all these, you know and I didn't see no Latino working.

#00:59:11-8# interviewer 2: They're there, here and there, little bit.

#00:59:15-8# respondent: But I've notices que los owners are not the same as it was before.

#00:59:20-2# interviewer 3: And you said the owners before were mostly white?

#00:59:28-3# respondent: Mostly. Yeah en La Calle but they had a lot of hispanic workers, the ladies. Depending on what stores, the dress shops

had a lot of Latina women. Porque acuerdate there used to be a lot people from Nogales Mexico. They used to love to shop at Learners and Franklins.

#01:00:03-6# interviewer 3: What where streets like there? When you where walking, how did they look like?

#01:00:07-3# respondent: The streets? Well they were not as crowded as they are now. Normal traffic.

#01:00:15-9# interviewer 2: Where they more narrow? Mas delgaditas?

#01:00:18-0# respondent: Oh yea.

#01:00:23-7# interviewer 3: What about people traffic?

#01:00:25-5# respondent: People traffic? Mostly on weekends. Como Saturdays, when we used to go there was a lot of people waling both sides. During the week I don't know because unless we went to Del Monte Market but I wouldn't go all the way to La Calle. Pero I noticed that in Saturdays there was a lot of people back and for the you know, on both sides of the street. A lot of shoppers, site seers, going to the movies, young, middle, elderly, whatever.

#01:01:00-2# interviewer 3: All ages?

#01:01:01-1# respondent: Oh, yeah. I guess that was the day everybody came out.

#01:01:05-3# interviewer 3: Was pretty diverse too? You mentioned before that it wasn't mostly Hispanics.

#01:01:10-4# respondent: No it was a lot of different.

#01:01:14-6# interviewer 2: Like what people? White people, Latinos. Where there black people too?

#01:01:19-9# respondent: A few, yeah.

#01:01:21-3# interviewer 2: And Chinese?

#01:01:21-7# respondent: Chinese tambien porque acuerdate que la Mayor tenia big Oriental Markets. Tienditas con el Chino Manuel.

#01:01:34-6# interviewer 3: Hablaba Espanol?

#01:01:35-5# respondent: Si!! Him and his wife spoke beautiful Spanish. Porque my grandmother used to live in Mayor like I told you and he was right there in the corner. And there was another little market across from him, otro chinito.

#01:01:51-4# interviewer 3: Would you ever visit Chino Manuel?

#01:01:52-8# respondent: We used to buy candy and everything and when grandma need bread, we used to go buy bread. Compraba un frijoles, so we could buy a can of bean, things like that.

#01:02:02-0# interviewer 3: Would he say anything?

#01:02:02-6# respondent: Yeah, he knew us by name.

#01:02:06-0# interviewer 3: So what would he say when you walked in?

#00:00:03-0# respondent: Hola Dona Rita.

#00:00:04-9# interviewer 3: Que te hace falta que?

#00:00:06-2# respondent: Que quieres ahora o que te hizo falta Donta Rita? He knew my grandma. Porque when we didn't go over they would call him and he would take her what ever she need because she was already elderly, you know. So my grandma was Rtia and I am Rita. So he would call me Dona Rita and sometimes grandma would send me with a little list and I would just give it to him and he would fill the bag, you know. Y luego como grandma tenia un little charger. He would just charge it. "Sign it." "I am not going to sing it cause you are going to make me pay for it. Yo no lo voy a firmar." "Tienes que firmar." "Yo no lo voy a firmar." (laughing) We would argue back and forth.

#00:00:47-5# interviewer 3: Just you by your self? Where your friends with you or was it just you?

#00:00:50-7# respondent: No, no. My grandma would send me or one of my little cousins would go with me. And we would argue but he was really nice.

#00:00:59-1# interviewer 2: And would you sign it eventually?

#00:01:03-1# respondent: I would just put X (laughing). Y luego su wife la Maria would sit in the corner like that going no, no.

#00:01:14-2# interviewer 3: She would say no, no to you?

#00:01:15-6# respondent: Yeah, cuando no queria firmar. "No, no, no." (laughing) She was really sweet.

#00:01:23-1# interviewer 3: Did you spend a lot of time with your grandma?

#00:01:25-9# respondent: Just on weekend pero not as much as Ledia. La Ledia spend much tiempo con la grandma, I didn't. I was mostly at home.

#00:01:34-9# interviewer 3: With moma.

#00:01:36-3# respondent: Yeah. She loved to be with grandma. Pero like I told you, when she moved to my neighborhood she became mean. Ledia adores grandma, not me. (laughing) And Ledia has really good memories of my grandma but not me. Yeah, but we used to go to spend Saturdays, mostly Sundays with her.

#00:01:59-4# interviewer 2: After church.

#00:02:00-7# respondent: After church but they didn't make Junior my brother go to church. They made me go to church. Those were the old good days.

#00:02:21-5# interviewer 3: Is there anything else that maybe we haven't covered and you'll like to share with us?

#00:02:25-0# respondent: No, I think.

#00:02:27-3# interviewer 3: Any memory you think we should know about? Because we are trying to understand what Downtown was like through your

eyes. Because we never lived there. Even by reading book about, it doesn't give the experience of living it and seeing it through your eyes.

#00:02:43-8# respondent: It was wonderful, it was so much fun, you wouldn't believe it. To me it was like going to a carnival. It was so much fun going to Downtown. Well that is the only place we had to go. So to me it was so much fun. I hated for 3:00 to get here and it seemed like time just flew, you know. But it as very interesting, we had a lot of fun, all of us.

#00:03:11-1# interviewer 3: Interesting in what sense?

#00:03:12-6# respondent: Just walking around, trying outfits, meeting people from store to store, buying ice cream, hotdogs, going to the Greyhound Station. We were so dumb, we would sit there.. when the bus would come in. watch the people get out the bus and then we would guess what bus is coming in next: California, no Texas. We would play that gam, you know, and we would just stay there eating a hotdog and watch people get in and out and take their luggage off. We would play games just to kill time. So that was one of our adventures that we used to love to do. And if I was right and it was a California bus they always had to buy me a new soda. (laughing)

#00:04:11-5# interviewer 3: It sounds like a fun game.

#00:04:11-4# respondent: Yeah we used to do that, you know, to entertain ourselves but it was a lot of fun.

#00:04:18-3# interviewer 3: If there was one place that you could go back to in Downtown, if you where given the change.

#00:04:26-8# respondent: The change to go back, I think it would be Wordworth. If Betina wasn't there (laughing) because they had the best hamburgers and the best strawberry shakes. I used to love that and every time she would say, "Vamos para la Calle." "Calle what's that?"

#00:04:48-4# interviewer 3: El Pueblo.

#00:04:50-3# respondent: El Pueblo. I would look forward to that Sunday and that hamburger.

#00:04:54-4# interviewer 3: And who would you take with you?

#00:04:56-4# respondent: Just me and my mom.

#00:04:57-6# interviewer 3: Just you and your mom? Not your friends?

#00:05:02-4# respondent: My mom and I.

#00:05:08-1# interviewer 3: Do you think there was a question that we didn't ask that maybe we should have?

#00:05:16-5# respondent: I don't know. What do you think?

#00:05:16-1# interviewer 2: No, I think it was great. We got a lot of good stuff.

#00:05:20-9# respondent: What about you? You are so quite.

#00:05:25-2# interviewer 1: Can you tell me you guys used to do during the school day?

#00:05:28-5# respondent: A school day? At school or...

#00:05:31-2# interviewer 1: On school.

#00:05:31-9# respondent: At school?

#00:05:33-7# interviewer 1: Besides learning? Would you still hang out with your friends?

#00:05:41-6# respondent: No because my friends, on that side where I used live they were my neighbors too. So we didn't go to the same schools. Some where younger and they were a grade lower than me and a couple were a grade higher than. There was only two that were in the same level as me and she had her friends and I had my friends. But on Saturdays we were all friends regardless of what level we were in.

#00:06:16-0# interviewer 2: You were from the same block?

#00:06:19-1# respondent: But in school some of there were higher, some

where lower. So they hung with their group of friends and I hung with my group of friends but on Saturdays it was just us.

#00:06:36-1# interviewer 2: You guys were kind of like the Pink Ladies.

#00:06:43-0# interviewer 3: Did you by any chance keep or have any photographs of your family in Downtown?

#00:06:52-2# respondent: No because the ones I used to have I gave them to Ledia when she was writing her book. We went through all my pictures and one time when she came over I don't know what we were doing before she started her book. And we went through my albums and she took the ones that she wanted. I used to have pictures from my grandma's.. right there in Mayor and she took all my pictures.

#00:07:17-2# interviewer 3: All of them? You don't have any?

#00:07:19-0# respondent: No I don't think I have any. She took everything because she was going to make a scrapbook and use some for her book and some I used to have are in her book right now.

#00:07:30-1# interviewer 2: I was going to ask you if you could draw a map of what the Downtown, of what you remember the Downtown look like. Even if it's. I just do a map for them the other day. I am not the best map drawer but just sort of like where we know where wordworth.

#00:07:55-6# respondent: I can tell you where but I can't remember the streets. I know... okay get a pencil.

#00:07:58-6# interviewer 2: How they were to relation to another. They don't have to be perfect, like exactly how it was but jus kind of how you remember it.

#00:08:06-9# respondent: Okay, lets start with... this is going to be Congress. Que street era esta? Broadway.

#00:08:48-9# interviewer 2: I know cause they changed it all.

#00:08:52-3# respondent: Y luego estaba la congress, as I remember. Okay la Broadway. Aqui en la Broadway estaba el Greyhound, somewhere

right herer, the bus station. Y luego aqui estaban los taxis and then awui estaba el Kelpies! Oh I remember that one.

#00:09:20-5# interviewer 2: Oh the hotdog place. (laughing)

#00:09:21-3# respondent: The hotdogs! Y aqui en la congress and then Church I think. I am not sure of the directions. Aqui esta el bank.

#00:10:01-0# interviewer 2: And that's where the man with the monkey was, right?

#00:10:02-6# respondent: Yes! On this side pero on the other side across from the bank, aqui estaba el Learners . That's where I used to buy my clothes. Further down a little bit aqui estaba el Franklins. Further down a little estaba el Macleanes and further more estaba el Wordworth. Luego aqui en la Scott estaba la JC Penny. Luego por aqui estaba a big store. Aqui trabajaba un tio del Raul.

#00:11:34-2# respondent: Me viene a la mente right now, the court houses. What comes to my mind right now. The court house, the pink court house has always been there, since I can remember.

#00:11:48-3# interviewer 2: That is always there.

#00:11:49-6# respondent: Yeah, since I can remember that one has always been there pero on this side esta la big que es Federal Court? Municipal Court? or something.

#00:11:57-6# interviewer 2: Federal Court.

#00:11:58-6# respondent: Yeah, that's a new one.

#00:12:00-0# interviewer 2: That one is on Congress now.

#00:12:01-7# respondent: Yeah, that one. I see big banks and bigs this. Like the water department used to be on the other side but now everything is clogging my memory because I am seeing of these new building right now.

#00:12:19-7# interviewer 2: But this is good because we get to see... and

so where is the Plazita in relation to... where was the Plaza?

#00:12:26-7# respondent: The treaters you mean? The theaters where on congress. First comesabas con el Cine Plaza right here.

#00:12:34-9# interviewer 2: Oh so that is kind of where the La Pazita was too.

#00:12:39-0# respondent: Okay, the Plazita would be more over here. Aqui estaba el Plaza and across the street estaba el Liric. Okay now lets plaza over here porque luego we had to cross the street, we had to cross Congress. Y aqui estaba Liric and a little bit further down estaba un theater que se llamaba States Theater. Tenemos un Permont and luego el Fox was way over here on the corner.

#00:13:23-8# interviewer 2: Wait it still is.

#00:13:24-6# respondent: Si, pero es different movies ahora. Pero tenemos esos theaters.

#00:13:34-7# interviewer 1: You mentioned JC Penny was that stablished at that time too?

#00:13:38-5# respondent: Yes, JC Penny used to be okay. There was one store I think it was Mallorcen y luego next door estaba JC Penny, right here y lueg habia un Sears and they all moved.

#00:14:18-9# interviewer 2: To the malls.

#00:14:20-2# respondent: Yeah pero they used to be at Mallorcen y habia un JC Penny tambien. I can see that sing of Sear but exactly the location of that sears... I remember because aqui my husband's uncle used to work there. But there was a Sear but they moved to malls.

#00:15:07-9# interviewer 2: This is great thank you very much Rita.

#00:15:27-0# respondent: And most of the time we where on Congress because all of our travesuras were right herer. And then we where tired we would go over broadway and visit that place. Then from that place beniamos para el Bus Station. Since this was closer to home then from

here we would start walking home like that.

#00:16:06-0# interviewer 2: And the park was here?

#00:16:09-4# respondent: No el park esta enfrente, not in front. El Army Park.. across from.. further down. Donde esta la library porque safford is just right there.

#00:16:34-7# interviewer 3: And this is the street you said you would do all of your travesuras?

#00:16:37-8# respondent: Right down Congress because all the theaters were here. Comesabla la Plaza cross the street of Congress y luego we had to corss the street and it would be Liric and then on the other side I think it would the State Theater. Further more there was a threater called Permont and then we would go to Permont and Fox would be where it is at now. I think Fox never moved. They nocked the other theaters down. And that dance hall, it used to be on Congress tambien across from el Cine Plaza. Es donde se metian todos los del base from Th David Mountain Base. Good looking guys (laughing). Wow!

#00:17:36-8# respondent: Aqui estaba el.. se me hace que era el (incomprehensible). That is where my aunt met her husband. If I wasn't such a young kid I would down stairs but we would go in... everything was down stairs. There was a flight of stairs... "May we help you?" "No, no, I was just looking for my dad." (laughing). That was our excuse.