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News in Brief

Kaiser Employees on Strike Until Sunday

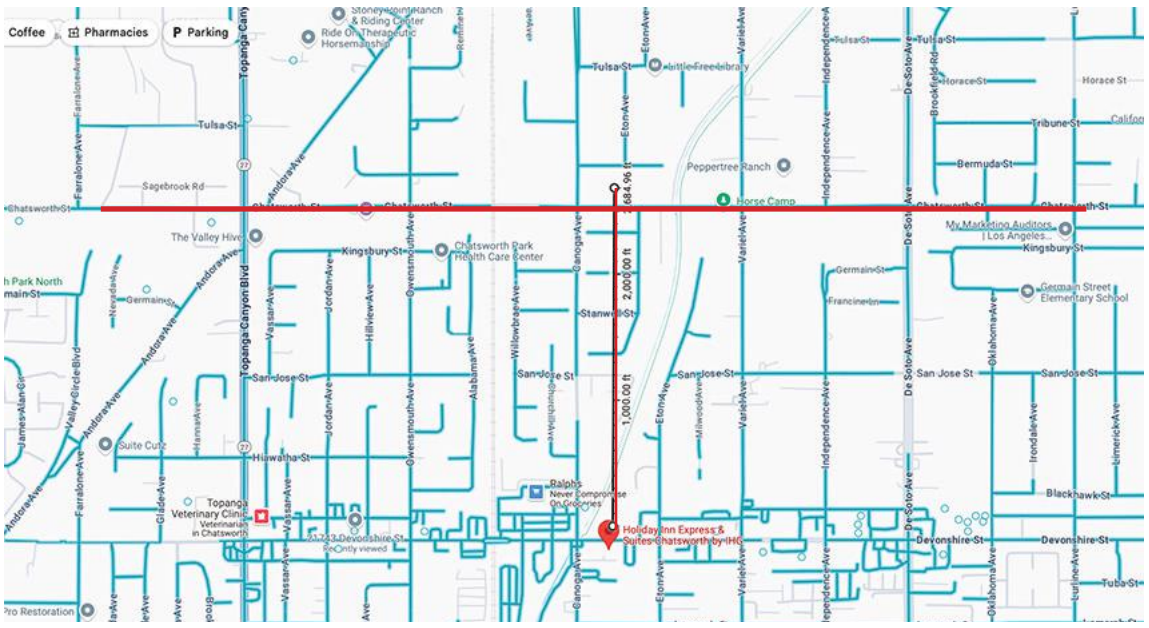
Thousands of Kaiser Permanente union employees, including registered nurses, pharmacists, nurse anesthetists, nurse practitioners, midwives, physician assistants, rehab therapists, speech language pathologists, dietitians, and other specialty health care professionals, went on strike Tuesday. This includes hundreds at the Panorama City location. The union has submitted a proposal for a 25% wage increase over four years. A national agreement was last struck with Kaiser in 2021, but since then, inflation has risen 18.5% and UNAC/UHCP members received just 10% in across-the-board wage increases, "barely half of what was needed to keep up," according to the union. "We do not take the decision to strike lightly," the union said in a statement. "Our facilities will be staffed by physicians, experienced managers and trained staff with added licensed contract professionals as needed." The strike is scheduled to end at 7 am on Sunday.

Northwest Valley Chamber Presents State of the Community

The Northwest Valley Chamber of Commerce will present their 23rd annual "State of the Community" forum on Thursday, October 23, at 11 am. Confirmed speakers include Congressmember Brad Sherman (via video), Congressmember George Whitesides (via video), L.A. District Attorney Nathan Hochman, L.A. County Assessor Jeffrey Prang, City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto, Assemblymember Pilar Schiavo, Assemblymember Celeste Rodriguez, City Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, LAPD Captain Devonshire Divison Kathleen Burns, LAFD Deputy Chief Jamie Moore and CSUN President Erika Beck, Ph.D. The forum will be held at The Soraya at CSUN, 18111 Nordhoff Street. Tickets are available nwvchamber@sfv.com.

Join "Rocktober" Stoney Point Cleanup

The Chatsworth Neighborhood Council will lead "Rocktober" on Saturday, October 25, from 9 am to noon. They will remove graffiti and trash and restore the rocks to their original state. Meet at 11012 Topanga Canyon Blvd. Funding for the event came from Valley Region Recreation Chatsworth Fine Arts Council and Councilmember John Lee. For more information visit chatsworthcouncil.org.



The map above shows approximately a half mile from Devonshire into the residential neighborhood north of the street.

Newsom Signs SB 79: Allows Denser Development in Residential Neighborhoods

On October 10 Governor Newsom signed into law SB 79, which could forever change the landscape of residential neighborhoods in Los Angeles.

The Abundant & Affordable Homes Near Transit Act. SB 79's is designed to fight California's housing crisis by allowing developers to build more homes near major public transportation stops.

What it means to homeowners is that apartment developers can pack multi-story homes onto lots within a half mile of major bus routes, overriding any local zoning restrictions or objections from neighboring residents.

Opponents of the bill, including Mayor Karen Bass, claim that the bill will allow developers to build massive apartment complexes next door to single-family homes - or in the backyards of those homes. Surprisingly, the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council supported the bill, being one of very few neighborhood councils in favor of it.

SB 79 was introduced by Senator Scott Weiner (D-San Francisco) who said, "SB 79 unwinds decades of overly restrictive land use policies that have driven housing costs to astronomical levels, forcing millions of people to move far away from jobs and transit, to face massive commutes, or to leave California entirely. In signing the bill Newsom stated, "The world looks to California for leadership — it's time to build modern, connected communities that fulfill California's promise, meeting the needs of today and the next generation."

The state zoning standards will be:

- **Up to 9 stories adjacent to the stop**
- **7 stories within ¼ mile**
- **6 stories between ¼ and ½ mile**

Local homeowners and Realtors worry that the government is not considering the needs and wants of the current generation.

"I believe suburban neighborhoods should remain neighborhoods. There are issues such as privacy, parking and the impact on property values that will result from SB 79. This is a disaster for single-family homeowners," said Cindy Libonati, a west valley resident and Realtor with Sotheby's International Realty.

Sherry Keowen, a longtime Valley Realtor with Coldwell Banker Realty, added, "This will change the neighborhoods and our communities, and bring in a more transient environment, which certainly could have an impact on property values."

Jessica Miller of Pinnacle Estate Properties, said, "SB 79 seems

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COMMUNITY

Community Calendar

NORTHRIDGE: The Village at Northridge will host an "Autumn in a Bowl" mixer on Thursday, November 6, at 1 pm. Visit the senior living community, meet new friends and enjoy a autumnal get-together. The Village is located at 9222 Corbin Avenue. RSVP to (818) 740-5836. For more information on the community visit thevillageatnorthridge.com.

GRANADA HILLS: The Rotary Club of Granada Hills is sponsoring an art contest with the theme "What I Love About Granada Hills." Submissions can be sent through March 2026 for K-12 students in the Granada Hills area. Submit original art, no AI-generated, on 8"x11" standard paper. Schools can sign up for display and contest at Menchie's where winners will get a $100 Menchie gift card, or submit to art contest@granadahillsrotary.com.

GRANADA HILLS: The Granada Hills Library, located at 10640 Petit Avenue, is hosting a Book Sale on Saturday, October 25, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. All proceeds go to the library for programs and materials. Great bargains!

NORTHRIDGE: The Valley Watercolor Society will hold an unjuried exhibit for members now through October 31 at Northridge Art Studio located at 9349 Melvin Avenue, Unit #9. The studio will be open at 10 am each day. Closing times will vary. Interested viewers can call the studio at (818) 465-8222 for information.

CHATSWORTH: Join the Chatsworth Library on Saturday, October 25, at 11:30 am, when kids can improve their literacy skills by reading aloud to trained therapy dogs from the BARK program. The library is located at 21052 Devonshire.

People in the News

Congressman Brad Sherman, CZC board member Kaykavoos Varjavand and community activist Sam Billimoria.

Congressman Honors Mehregan at Zoroastrian Center

The California Zoroastrian Center in Canoga Park hosted a vibrant Mehregan celebration on Saturday, September 27, bringing together a large community of Zoroastrians and special guests, including U.S. Congressman Brad Sherman.

Mehregan is an ancient Persian festival that celebrates the autumn harvest and the arrival of the fall season. It is also known as the "Feast of Harvest" and is dedicated to equality, friendship, and kindness.

The ceremony opened with a moving rendition of the national anthem "Ey Iran," accompanied by a live piano performance and sung in unison by all attendees. This was followed by a group prayer led by Zoroastrian children holding lighted candles, creating a solemn and beautiful atmosphere.

Two speeches highlighted the cultural and spiritual significance of Mehregan—one exploring its depiction in Ferdowsi's Shahnameh, and the other discussing its philosophical roots in Zoroastrianism. A themed audience competition followed, adding an interactive element to the program.

In his speech, Congressman Sherman praised the Zoroastrian community for preserving values of equality, freethinking, and the legacy of Cyrus the Great's Declaration of Human Right.s

Students in the News

Husna Firdose of Northridge graduated with a degree in Communication Science & Disord from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia during commencement exercises in August 2025.

Vera Wang of Chatsworth was recently elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, at the University of Southern California.

Kristin Ocampo of Granada Hills and **Victoria Tolley** of North Hills were named to the Dean's List for the summer 2025 term at Maryland Global Campus in Adelphi, Maryland.

Emily Decker of Northridge has received a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Dan Daniele of Granada Hills and **Hovhannes Beduryan** of Northridge were named to the Summer 2025 Dean's List at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester.

Emi Del Castillo Canales was named to the Deans List for Summer Semester 2025 at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Northridge resident **Cooper Beck** has enrolled at James Madison University for the fall 2025 semester. Beck is majoring in History - BA.

VIEWPOINT

English Channel

By Rodger Sterling

English Channel offers the best of the late editor Rodger Sterling's columns that ran continuously in the local papers since 1968.

• Jonathan Mundy has a question about all those people who drive electric cars. Do they listen to AC/DC or something more current?

• 'Tis the season for Halloween jokes so here goes:

- Why don't witches ride their brooms when they're angry? They're afraid of flying off the handle.

- Did you hear about the scarecrow that won an award? He got outstanding in his field.

• Some for the adults. These are sayings that sound dirty on Halloween.. but aren't!

- So...What'd you get in the sack?
- Once you get under the sheet, start moaning and groaning!!!
- Just hop on that broomstick and ride it!
- Those small suckers are gone in a few licks!
- I got the best piece from that house.
- Quit screwing around on the porch!!!
- Stick your hand in and guess what you're feeling....
- They'll suck you dry if they get their teeth in you.

• Here's a newspaper joke proving we can take a hit. A cannibal chief had captured a man near his camp and asked him, "What is your profession?" The man replied, "I was editor of my weekly newspaper." "Good," smiled the cannibal chief, "tomorrow you will be editor-in-chief."

• Hey, didja hear of G.K. Chesterton's view of journalism? Said Chesty, "journalism largely consists on saying "Franklin Jones is dead," to people who never knew Franklin Jones was alive!"

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Word on the Street

----------By Kathleen Sterling

I come from a long line of strong women - several of whom were teachers.

I think of them at this time of year when the air gets a little colder and the leaves start to turn. Fall makes me remember how I loved back to school, new notebooks and folders. I can't wait to watch *You've Got Mail* and hear the line about a "bouquet of newly sharpened pencils!"

My grandmother Catherine taught Al Capone's children back in the 20's in Chicago. Moving to Los Angeles she taught at an inner-city school downtown at 9th and Towne - a tough neighborhood.

But her multi-cultural group of students loved her, and she them. She even made a Christmas record with her class entitled "Some Children See Him," with all their little faces on it. The lyrics also reflect how *she* saw *them*... "Some children see Him lily white, with tresses soft and fair. Some children see Him bronzed and brown, The Lord of heav'n to earth come down. Some children see Him bronzed and brown, with dark and heavy hair. Some children see Him almond-eyed. This Savior whom we kneel beside. Some children see Him almond-eyed, With skin of yellow hue. Some children see Him dark as they."

She was a strict but loving teacher who also taught us four siblings how to add a line of figures in our head, made us memorize the multiplication tables from a huge chart she made for us, and tried to teach us convent penmanship. I failed at that - but strangely enough have the same loopy handwriting as my other grandmother, whom I never met, but who actually wrote for the *Chicago Tribune* back in the 30's.

My own mother taught art before her marriage, and after I decided to go to USC (I can't feel terribly guilty that she had to go back to work because she loved it).

She studied under the pop artist Corita Kent, and worked on many of the iconic Los Angeles Home Savings murals with famed artist Millard Sheets.

Her very first job was teaching kids "who could care less about art" at Arcadia High School in the 50's. She soon got them excited about class by teaching them how to draw a design and then pinstripe their cars!

Her second career - which lasted for over 20 years - was teaching at CSUN. I remember stories about how teaching on the college level was more than just lecturing about art. My mother was teacher, mentor, friend and lifesaver to many students who came to her with problems unrelated to class, but more to boyfriends, parents who would disown them if they got less than an "A," job problems, child care conflicts and more.

Those days I couldn't go to a bank or an office without someone seeing my name and asking, "Are you Colleen Bercsi's daughter? I had her class - absolutely the best!"

A working artist, she was always happiest with a paintbrush or pen in her hand.

I have many of her paintings, and have even framed some of her doodles, as she couldn't sit and watch television without sketching on something - her quick sketch of Leonard da Vinci is one of her best works!

All these memories were brought to the fore by another strong woman, my friend Tammy Silver, a member of the Pasadena City College Board. My USC buddy, fellow Cambridge University student, and one of the brightest women I know, Tammy grew up to own a book company supplying texts and literature to schools across the nation. Not a teacher - but a most noble profession. Of course she's now serving her second term on the college board, having won on a platform of supporting student success and achieving excellence.

All three women spent their lives supporting students. There is no nobler profession in my mind than that of a teacher. They are guiding our future.

My mother and grandmother not only taught generations of future doctors, lawyers, entrepreneuers and even teachers, they taught me the value of education.

At your child's school, or when you meet someone who's a teacher, you don't need to bring an apple...but rather a huge "thank you" for all they do.

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The Reel History of the Valley

By Martin M. Cooper

A Story of Two Chatsworths

One hundred fifty miles northwest of London is Chatsworth House, an 81,000-square-foot home that has been owned by the Cavendish family since 1549.

Twenty-eight miles northwest of Los Angeles is the San Fernando Valley community of Chatsworth that, in 1888, was named after the English home of the Cavendish family.

What do they have in common? Movies.

Scores of motion pictures have been filmed at Chatsworth House, including *Barry Lyndon* (1975), *Pride & Prejudice* (2005), *The Duchess* (2008), *The Wolfman* (2010), *Death Comes to Pemberley* (2013), as well as numerous TV programs.

The number of films lensed in the Valley community of Chatsworth number in the thousands, about 3,000 of them on the Iverson Ranch alone.

On March 8, 1888, George Crow filed a map of a subdivision he named Chatsworth Park with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office. Three streets were shown on the map, one of which was Devonshire Avenue, named in honor of England's Duke of Devonshire, the Cavendish family's title.

Karl and Augusta Iverson homesteaded 160 acres in the 1880s in the Santa Susana Pass area. Over time, their holdings expanded to approximately 500 acres, which formed the Iverson Movie Ranch, all of which was in the community of Chatsworth. In 1915, Chatsworth joined the City of Los Angeles, largely to obtain use of the city's water.

In 1893, the Chatsworth Train Depot was built near the intersection of Marilla and Topanga Canyon Roads, but in 1917, the original train depot burned down. By that time, however, a larger station had been built on the west side of the tracks between Devonshire and Lassen Streets. It was this second depot that has been featured so prominently in films. Sadly, the then-property owners, Southern Pacific Railroad, tore down the building in 1962.

The MTA and the City of Los Angeles bought the property from Southern Pacific, and in the early '90s, a new depot was built in the Old West style of the original. In April 1996, the new depot was dedicated, with former Chatsworth residents Roy Rogers and Dale Evans participating in the ceremony.

Roy Rogers and Dave Evans bought their ranch property in 1943. They used it as a working ranch and as a filming location for their Republic Pictures Westerns in the 1940s. They lived on the ranch until about 1953, and were actively involved in the community.

Movies that have filmed at either the Chatsworth Train Depot or the nearby tunnels have included Cecil B. DeMille's *The Squaw Man* (1914); the musical comedy, *Pigskin Parade* (1936), starring Jack Haley and Judy Garland, in her first feature film; *Fancy Pants* (1950), starring Valley residents Bob Hope and Lucille Ball; and the sci-fi cult classic, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1956).

Some of the best-known motion pictures filmed partially or totally in Chatsworth, many on the Iverson Ranch, are: *The Perils of Pauline* (1914); *The Mark of Zorro* (1920), starring Douglas Fairbanks; *Angels* (1930), Howard Hughes's epic aerial drama, with iconic dogfight scenes above the Chatsworth area and Chatsworth Lake; *The Lightning Warrior* (1931), a Rin Tin Tin serial; *The Good Earth* (1937), Pearl Buck's novel, with its terraced Chinese farmlands built on-site at Iverson; and Quentin Tarantino's *Django Unchained* (2012).

One of the more interesting film-related structures in the area is the Pioneer Church. Built in 1903 as the Chatsworth Community Church, it served as a high school from 1906 to 1908. It was relocated in 1965 to its present location at Oakwood Memorial Park thanks to the Chatsworth Historical Society, with donors like Roy Rogers and Dale Evans supporting the effort. The church was designated as Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument No. 14 in 1963.

Nearby, the silent version of *Jack and the Beanstalk* (1917), directed by Chester M. Franklin and Sidney A. Franklin, was filmed. Other films and numerous TV shows used the Pioneer Church as a set.

Oakwood Memorial Park is also "home" to a number of filmdom's greats: Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Gloria Grahame, Stephen Boyd, Adele Astaire, Montie Montana, and scores of behind-the scenes artists and technicians.

Not surprisingly, Chatsworth's location filming drew film professionals, actors and many others to live in the community.

Among the better-known names in motion pictures who at some point called Chatsworth home were Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, who owned a ranch in Chatsworth in the 1940s; John Stamos; Kevin Spacey, who was raised in Chatsworth and attended Chatsworth High School; Val Kilmer, who lived in Chatsworth as a youth; and Marilyn Monroe, who lived in Chatsworth as a teenager.

Frank Sinatra lived for about a decade on a hilltop estate in Chatsworth in the 1950s and '60s. The property, designed by William Pereira, has since been featured in many films and TV shows. Errol Flynn owned a hunting lodge in Chatsworth and built a dam north of the 118 Freeway near Browns Canyon Road. Lionel Barrymore, once Chatsworth's honorary mayor, lived in the community in the 1940s and early '50s.

Southern Pacific Railroad opened its first train station in Chatsworth in 1895. The two-story wooden depot was destroyed by fire in 1917.

Chatsworth Community Church (1903), also called the Pioneer Church, is the oldest surviving church building in the San Fernando Valley, except for the San Fernando Mission. Originally built at Topanga Canyon Boulevard at Devonshire Street, it was saved from demolition, moved in 1965 to Oakwood Memorial Park, and is an Historic Landmark.

Whether it be among the 35,000 acres within which England's Chatsworth House sits, or the once-near-barren desert of today's Chatsworth in the San Fernando Valley, both have earned their places in cinematic history.

Martin Cooper, President of Cooper Communications, supervised PR for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences for 10 years; held executive positions with Disney and Universal Studios; and was Board Chairman of the UCLA Film & Television Archive.

His fifth book, The 'Reel' Hollywood: The San Fernando Valley, the history of motion pictures in the Valley, will be out later this year.

VALLEY ENTERTAINMENT

Lila Downs will perform at The Soraya.

Celebrate Dia de los Muertos at The Soraya With Lila Downs

Experience Mexico's annual communion with the spirits of departed loved ones. Celebrate Diá de los Muertos at The Soraya with Latin Folk sensation Lila Downs on October 24 at 8 pm.

Ana Lila Downs Sánchez is a Mexican-American singer-songwriter who for three decades has blended Mexican folk traditions with jazz, blues, and hip-hop.

Her music often addresses social justice, immigration, and women's issues. Downs was raised in both Minnesota and Oaxaca, Mexico, and her mother is Mixtec indigenous. She sings in Spanish, English, and several Native American languages, including Mixtec, Zapotec, and Nahuatl. Downs has won six Grammys and one Latin Grammy.

Downs has been among the most influential Latin American artists. With her Mixtec roots, she returns to celebrate the annual Mexican communion with the spirits of departed loved ones. Reaching beyond her own cultural traditions, Downs uses her powerful voice and artistry to champion progress for all humanity.

The Younes and Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts includes a 1,700-seat performance hall and a 175-seat black box theatre. It is located on the campus of Cal State University Northridge, at 18111 Nordhoff Street.

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HEALTH & BEAUTY

ONEgeneration to Host Fall Senior Health Fair

ONEgeneration will be hosting a Fall Senior Health Fair on Saturday, October 25, from 10 to 11 am at the Wilkinson Senior Center (8956 Vanalden Ave).

There will be wellness activities, community resource vendors, free health screenings, a vaccine clinic and free "grab and go" lunches for adults 60+. Additionally, attendees will have the opportunity to meet neighborhood council members and elected officials. Register for this free event on Eventbrite (under "Fall Senior Health Fair") or in-person at the Wilkinson Senior Center.

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BuildAbility of Sylmar is hosting its inaugural fundraiser "Pioneering Possibilities" on October 24 to support their programs for individuals with disabilities.

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They work with those with intellectual disabilities, Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism, fragile X Syndrome, anxiety, epilepsy, ADD and Angelman Syndrome.

BuildAbility has been at the forefront of creating a world where individuals with disabilities are empowered to shape their own futures. Their goals of fostering personal growth, promoting community engagement, ensuring quality, and building sustainability, enable them to make a lasting impact on individuals and the communities with which we connect.

They work on independent living skills, employment services, community integration and skills-building in their behavior day program.

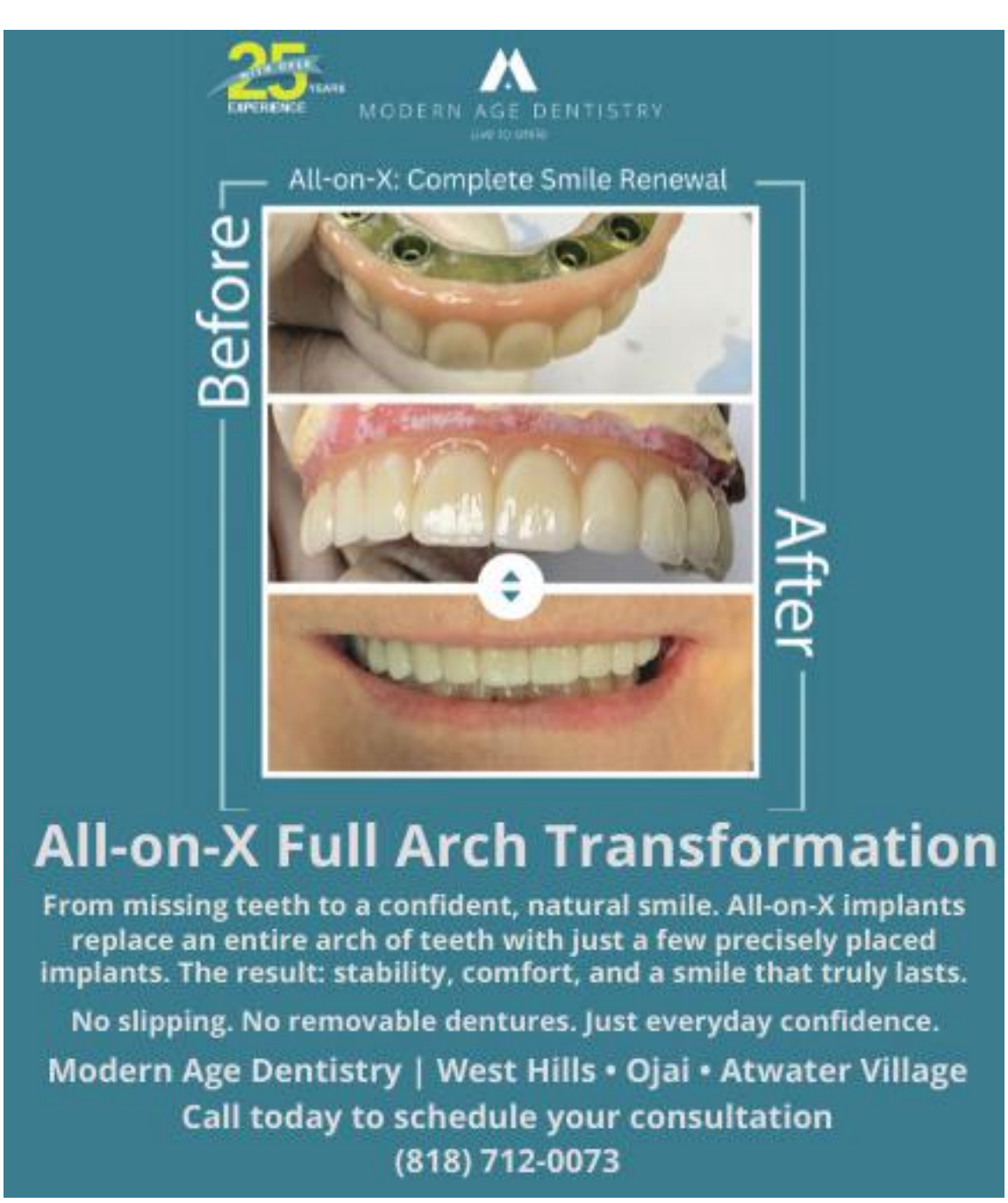
BuildAbility continues to lead the charge in celebrating diversity, amplifying talents, and building partnerships, to break

down barriers and build a future of limitless possibilities.

Their 2025-2028 Strategic Plan pushes them forward in their commitment to excellence through strengthening program infrastructure, expanding service availability, and enhancing quality and sustainability.

The Pioneering Possibilities fundraiser will help underwrite these efforts. It will be held at The Autry Museum, 4700 Western Heritage Way, Griffith Park, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. The gala will include food, drinks, entertainment, live music and an auction.

For more information and tickets to the event visit givebutter.com/pioneeringpossibilities2025. For more information on BuildAbility and its programs visit buildabilityla.org.



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The Airtel Plaza Hotel at the Van Nuys Airport.

Longtime Valley Hotel to Close

Long a staple for events, conventions, weddings, parties and airport functions, the Airtel Plaza at the Van Nuys Airport has closed as of October 12.

For 40 years the hotel has stood at the corner of Sherman Way and Valjean, adjacent to the airport.

"As we prepare to close, our focus will remain on ensuring that our employees are supported through this transition and that our guests and clients are cared for until the very last day," the management posted on Facebook. "We know this news comes with sadness and disappointment, and we share those feelings with you. While our doors will soon close, the memories we created together will remain forever. On behalf of our entire team, please accept our heartfelt thanks for being a part of our story," the post read.

The hotel and Valley Industry & Commerce Association hosted a community gathering October 7 called "One Final Pour, Many Lasting Memories," to toast the hotel.

The hotel was managed by Spring Hospitality, a hotel management group. According to reports, the hotel owner, RBABBS Investment, Inc., could not reach a new lease agreement with Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA).

LAWA not only owns Van Nuys Airport but the land on which the hotel sits.

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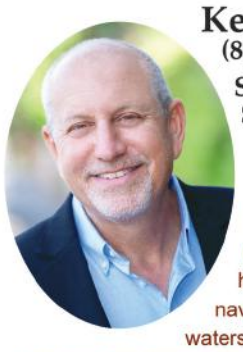

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REAL ESTATE

Have You Outgrown Your Home? Is it Time to Rethink Where You Live?

By Kevin Pike

It's wonderful buying your own home and building a life with your family in a comfortable setting.

Sometimes it's in a sprawling ranch style home and sometimes in a large two-story home. These homes are ideal to raise families and enjoy decades of living, watching your kids grow up and eventually move out, then enjoying time having your entire home to yourself with your spouse.

Years pass and you begin to realize that owning a large home for one or two people becomes more of a burden than a source of enjoyment.

I hear time and time again when I meet with homeowners who have lived in their homes for 40, 50, even 60 years. What was once a loving, busy and energetic environment has become a nuisance, having to keep your large home clean and properly maintained. Things break and eventually even changing a light bulb feels tiresome!

This is when people reach out to me and ask about their options. Do they sell? Do they rent out their home? Where can they move? They're searching for their more ideal living environment at this stage in their lives.

Some simply tell me they have cooked for decades and no longer have any desire to do so, nor to clean up afterward... ever again!

So, what are your options? Well, everybody is different and at different stages in their lives. Some people may be best served staying in their homes and hiring out for cleaning and even preparing meals. Others want to sell and begin a new chapter of their lives in an entirely new place.

One of the most important aspects of my job is to listen and help my clients make the best decision for themselves. I help them analyze their current situation and over time come to a smart decision for themselves.

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If they decide to sell their family home, then my job becomes helping them fulfill their vision for their next step. Often times they have children out of state, and sometimes no children at all.

I'm able to help guide them through the process to make their next step come easily, with as little stress as possible. There are usually several variables to review before making the best decision possible and moving forward with their plans.

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SB79 and Its Effect on the Residential Market

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like a well-intentioned law, but I don't believe it will significantly impact areas like Chatsworth, Northridge, or Granada Hills. With the existing limitations on land use, infrastructure, and transit access, large-scale development seems unlikely. Overall, I don't expect to see much noticeable change in these communities"

SB79 is one huge example of Newsom's commitment to the YIMBY movement (Yes in My Backyard), that has been campaigning for more housing during a housing shortage for over 10 years. Earlier this year Newsom signed legislation (AB 130 and SB131) to exempt most urban apartment developments from CEQA laws. He vowed to oversee construction of 3.5 million housing units by next year, but the state won't hit even half that.

It is unknown what the exact effect SB79 will have on the residential market. High interest rates, tariffs and the reduced labor market - even more so with ICE raids - have led to a drop in building permit applications. Indeed, many resources and supplies available to Valley builders are being used to rebuild Altadena and the Palisades.

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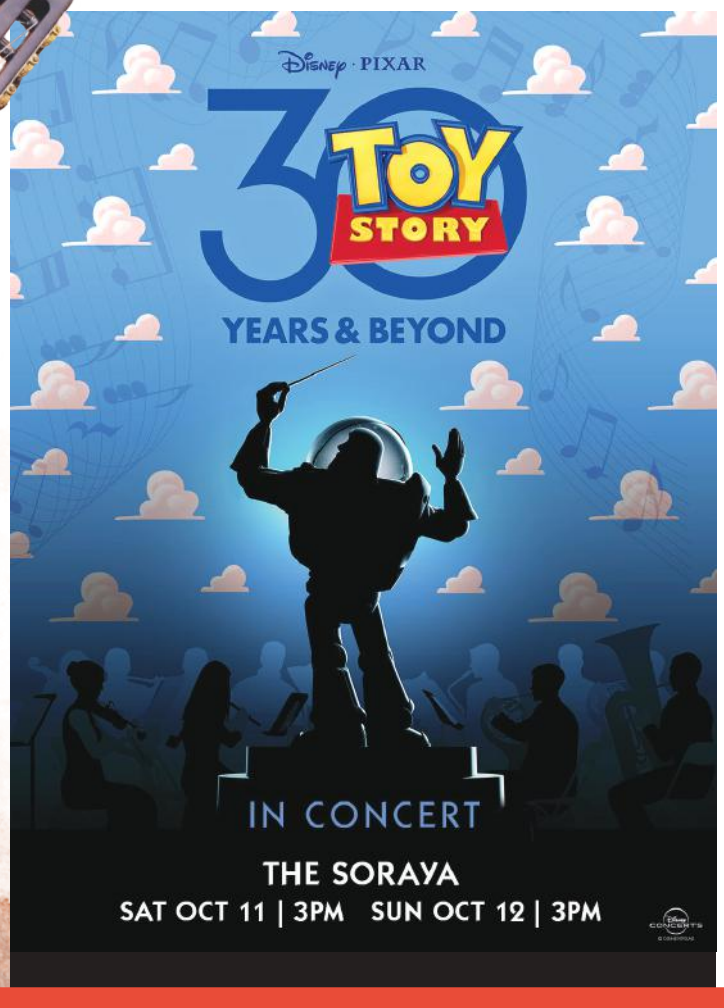

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