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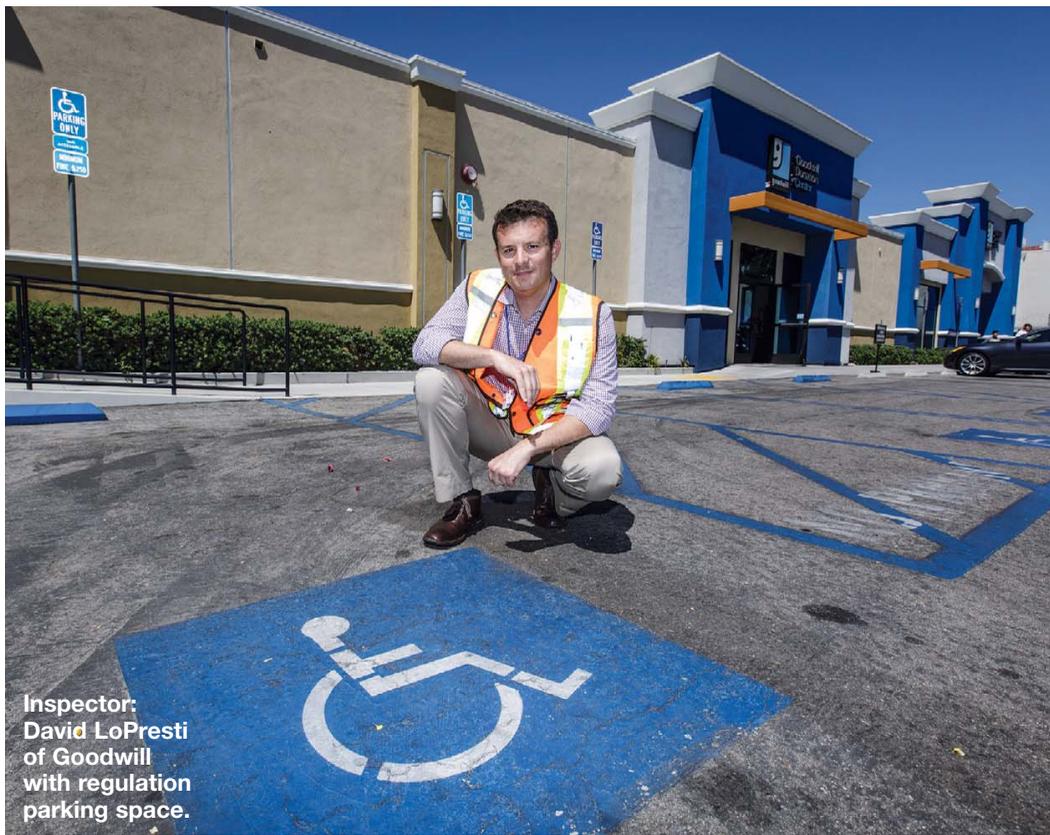


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Inspector: David LoPresti of Goodwill with regulation parking space.

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LOT OF LIABILITY

Goodwill helps businesses comply with ADA.

By **MARK R. MADLER** Staff Reporter

Small business owners know all too well about the costs of being ambushed by lawsuits over non-compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Now the **Valley Economic Alliance** wants to help prevent the egregious abuses of the federal law with a most unlikely partner – **Goodwill Southern California**.

Together, they are promoting the All-Access ADA Support team to get out ahead of any costly

and time-consuming lawsuits.

Michael Hadley, economic development coordinator for the alliance in Sherman Oaks, said becoming involved with Goodwill on the program fits the group's mission of supporting business and making sure they stay in the San Fernando Valley.

"We want them to grow and thrive and not have to deal with lawsuit abuse here in the Valley," Hadley said.

For its part, Goodwill gets access to a larger

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Kaiser's Building Boom Part of Plan

HEALTH CARE: Nonprofit's footprint must keep up with patient count.

By **STEPHANIE HENKEL** Staff Reporter

Kaiser Permanente unveiled its new, state-of-the-art labor and delivery wing at its Woodland Hills facility earlier this month. Its roomy 23,000 square feet features six delivery rooms and 15 mother-baby suites, among other amenities. But that is only one of several large construction projects Kaiser has undertaken in recent years, including in Lancaster, North Hollywood and Panorama City.

This expansion is driven partly by the desire to attract customers in new areas as well as to elevate the brand. But one big reason for the boom: The Affordable Care Act has greatly boosted membership in Kaiser's health plans.

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Bedside: Dennis Benton in new maternity wing.

Pot Tenants Bring Problems

REAL ESTATE: Landlords suffer crime, odors and legal actions.

By **CAROL LAWRENCE** Staff Reporter

Fighting criminal charges in court, repairing damaged buildings and even losing property – these are the potential risks faced by property owners who rent to medical marijuana businesses.

Owners and brokers say dispensaries-as-tenants have altered and damaged buildings' interiors and exteriors. Their operations deal in cash and marijuana and therefore are often burglarized, and the marijuana smell causes neighboring tenants to complain. On top of that, most dispensaries are illegal and they are often targeted for prosecution by the city of Los Angeles. As a

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Sage Growth Points to Future

PUBLISHING: Academic journal powerhouse takes bigger digs.

By **MARK R. MADLER** Staff Reporter

Book printing may be a shrinking industry, but apparently not for publishers of academic and professional journals. At least, **Sage Publications** is moving into a bigger building in Thousand Oaks because of its growth – a trajectory the company expects will continue.

Employees began moving to the new location at 2400 Conejo Spectrum St. last month. The company is leaving its space at 2560 Teller Road and will no longer occupy the site by September.

Roberta Isaef, vice president of human resources and facilities for Sage, said the move had been planned since last year to coincide with

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SPECIAL REPORT REAL ESTATE QUARTERLY



The entertainment industry is booming so much that it's difficult to book space in Hollywood's usual production houses. As a result, new soundstages and production studios are popping up from Sun Valley to Simi. Read about how entrepreneurs such as Steve Needleman, above, are putting the Valley area in lights in this Special Report.

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