



Text in the City® Newsletter

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Did you know that I grew up in the San Fernando Valley in the 50s and have seen many changes? Born and raised in Los Angeles, it's no big surprise that my love for the city goes beyond my knowledge obtained in the books that I've collected over the years. Growing up, I saw farmland turned into industry, rivers imprisoned in concrete, beautiful homes confined behind bars and clean cities scribbled upon like a young child with a crayon gone crazy.

My modest contribution in this Newsletter and community involvement reminding people what can be done and how we can work together to keep a little bit of that past alive is but a minute part of what we now need to do to help keep the spirit alive in the City of Angels. I hope you will all find a little space in time where you too can make a change, even if it means in a small way, in a small group.

Here are a few pictures showing how things were vs. how things are:

(Below Left) On March 15, 1915, Carl Leammle, Sr. dedicated Universal City on Lankershim Blvd. Ten thousand spectators attended the three-day event, including Thomas Edison and Buffalo Bill Cody. The banner in the picture below welcomes visitors to observe the moviemaking process. **(Right)** Universal City still welcomes visitors from around the world to observe the moviemaking process. "Uncle Carl's" filmmaking mecca is now a sprawling entertainment center featuring a studio tour, hotels, the Universal Amphitheatre, and the internationally imitated City Walk.



(Below Left) One of my favorite sites in North Hollywood is the El Portal Theatre. At age 12, I actually frequented it when my mother dropped me off and picked me up after the movies. The picture below is just prior to the opening of the theatre in 1926. **(Right)** The historic El Portal Theatre building and the former Bank of America building serve as cornerstones of the NoHo Arts District. After standing vacant for years, the earthquake-damaged theatre has been extensively retrofitted and is now home to lively theatre productions.





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**DON'T FORGET – WATER
RATIONING BEGINS
JUNE 1**

Check www.textinthecity.org under Community Services subheading News & Events for more information.

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Neighborhood Watch 



It's not for nosey old ladies anymore!

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In the well-to-do communities of Sherman Oaks, Encino, Tarzana, and Woodland Hills, the desire to add a swimming pool in the heat of the Valley was simply overwhelming. There were over 24,000 of them by 1960 and 4,000 more every year until a slowdown occurred in the 1990s. Do you still have aluminum TV trays in your backyard?



I love the shot below because I drive it often. In 1961, this transition spur from northbound Zelzah to eastbound Chatsworth going into Granada Hills shows an intersection devoid of obnoxious advertising signs and graffiti.



(Opposite top) Replacing the heavy old Chevys are heavy Cadillac Escalades and SUVs. Today, the trees are taller, but businesses struggle to stay solvent.



In 1957, a taxicab driver was honored for his outstanding safety record during his thirty-year driving career for the Yellow Cab Company.



Don't know about today's immigrant cabby's record, but sure he's much safer due to half-inch bulletproof Lexan between him and his fares!





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Fantastic Performances in June

All That Jazz & More

Saturday, June 6

6:30PM Dinner

No Minimum Food or Drink

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Two Fabulous Singers – One Fabulous Night
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**Tuesday, June 9 and
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