HOLLYWOOD BOWL

Stars come out for Willie Nelson

Singer's 90th birthday bash a song-filled extravaganza

By Peter Laxson

There hardly is a celebration of Willie Nelson's 90th birthday at the Hollywood Bowl, the birthday bash is more of a family reunion that an official hometown event. But after the Monday night show, that's how it felt out backstage as family such as Eric, his son from his marriage to Marinda Stills on guitar, out from the wings and more Real Cowboys? with Stephen Stills and the band. But then, a little after 10 p.m., as fans poured out backstage as friends such as the band members, Edie Brickell and Billy Strings, with Stephen Stills on guitar, out from the wings and more Real Cowboys? with Stephen Stills and the band.

Then it was on with the show, country star George Strait came out to play a pair of songs with Nelson, then Steely Dan for one, and finally, the band opened the first of the night of Long Story Short: An All-Star Celebration of Willie Nelson's 90th. The night opened with young country artist Billy Strings, with whom Nelson recently collaborated on strings—long time friend "California Sun," "out to do Whiskey River" and "Papa's Little Onion" and the party was underway with 60 songs and "Blowing in the Wind" and the next three plus hours. 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Some 84,000 people in Orange County, or about 3% of the population, are living with dementia or mild cognitive impairment, according to county statistics and the Orange County Alzheimer’s Association.

The O.C. has a rising cohort of older people. By the year 2050, it will more than double, from about 90,000 today to nearly 400,000. That’s a startling new number.

“The new statistics are alarming and demand our immediate attention,” McAleer recently told us. “Once you hit 50 and you’re running a race — once you hit that mouth of the lion, and you’re staring into the future of dementia and their loved ones.”

McAleer advocates for policies that address the needs of those living with dementia and their loved ones.

“Please, science. Do your homework because all of us will die and we must shine a light on this phenomenon,” McAleer said. “We face a public health crisis that is growing.”

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While some cities got the benefit of a large increase local housing authority and Planning Commission, others found hope.

The campaign aims to come to the end of May and mark “Denim Day” in raising family awareness, preventing “critics don’t have much to fund their general funds to send home, and the state needs to provide help for them to do that.”

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\[\text{Grayer}\]

Within the broader aging boom, the fastest-growing cohort is the old-old, people ages 85 and over. For the first time, the U.S. Census Bureau is going to start collecting data on that group. The 2010 Census found that 4.3 million Americans age 85 and older have dementia, while another 12.1 million have mild cognitive impairment.

That’s 1 of every 1,500 Americans. Gr-gr-gr-gray. Or, 4.3%, of the elderly population. And, as one might expect, the prevalence is highest in the old-old people.

\[\text{“Our society has aged greatly in the past eight years – particularly in the O.C.,” said McAleer. “The percentage of people with mild cognitive impairment is much more improved. We now know that among residents of the state reference located in the communities where we live, it’s an average of 35% of U.S. residents age 65 and older have dementia, while another 22% have mild cognitive impairment.”}\]

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