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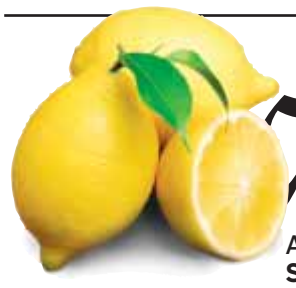


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THE HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PROMENADE ISSUE

Promenade celebrates 20 years

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN The Santa Monica Pier isn't the only local icon to celebrate a landmark anniversary recently.

A week after the world-famous pier turned 100, the Third Street Promenade marked its 20th year on Wednesday, celebrating an outdoor pedestrian mall that has inspired similar shopping districts across the country.

"It's amazing, 20 years later the vibrancy is really the envy of many communities throughout the world." Kathleen Rawson, the CEO of the Bayside District Corp., said.

Bayside District Corp, a private/public company that manages Downtown, held a birthday press conference on Wednesday morning in which they showcased a cake that illustrated the southern block of the promenade, featuring fixtures — street performers, couples and parents — that surrounded a topiary dinosaur that served as the centerpiece.

"The Third Street Promenade has really become the heart of our Downtown and really a major focus for the people who live here and the visitors to this community," Mayor Ken Genser said. "Santa Monica would not be what it is without the Third Street Promenade."

Once a regular street open to vehicular traffic, Third Street between Broadway and Wilshire Boulevard was converted into a pedestrian mall in 1965. But the area fell into hard times by the early 1980s, suffering from customers lost to the then newly constructed Santa Monica Place and a lack of business once nighttime came.

"There was almost nobody there in the daytime and absolutely nobody at night," Denny Zane, who served as councilmember at the time, said.

When Santa Monicans' for Renters Rights captured the majority of the City Council seats in 1981, there were several high priori-

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VISUAL TREAT: **Mayor Ken Genser, joined by City Manager Lamont Ewell (right), Bayside District Corp. board chairman Bill Tucker and Bayside CEO Kathleen Rawson (left), cuts the cake celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Third Street Promenade following a press conference on Wednesday.**

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Williams' injury a rallying point

Family and friends begin fundraising efforts

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

WESTWOOD Just days removed from sustaining a serious spinal injury, Santa Monica High School's Cody Williams appears to have the entire school community pulling for him.

Since injuring himself during Samohi's season opener last Friday against Leuzinger, Williams has been receiving treatment at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center with his mother faithfully at his side, a family spokesperson said.

He underwent surgery on Saturday and began the early stages of therapy this week, his aunt Tricia Smith said. She added that he has some movement in his arms and upper torso, but declined to elaborate on the seriousness of the injury until doctors can further evaluate how he is responding to the surgery.

"He's healing well," Smith said. "He's very tired. (Doctors) are watching him closely.

"He has a long road to recovery ahead."

While he battles to overcome an injury that often times leads to paralysis, those close to him are cautiously optimistic in regards to the final prognosis, which may take 6 to 12 months to evaluate.

"Everybody is hoping for the best," Samohi Athletic Director Norm Lacy said. "I look forward to him walking out next year to do the coin toss during the first game of the season."

Once word spread of the injury, a groundswell of support grew including fundraising efforts and kind words from

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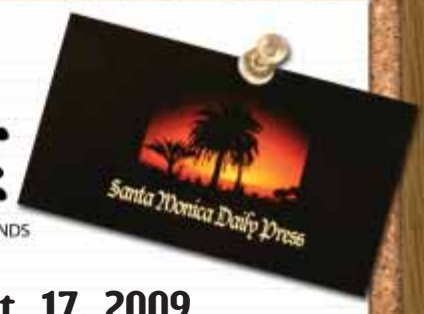
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Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009

All about the opera
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Enjoy presentations about five upcoming operas and a behind the scenes peek before heading out to see them. This Thursday, Wagner's "Siegfried" is discussed. This program series is free and all ages are welcome. Space is limited and based on arrival. For more information, visit www.smpl.org or call (310) 458-8600.

Laugh your socks off
Shakti's Elements
717 Broadway, 11 a.m. — noon
Come every Thursday for a form of body-mind exercise for all ages and fitness levels. The class is led by Kim Selbert, a certified laughter yoga leader. The price is $10 per person. Visit www.kimselbert.com or call (310) 849-4642 for more information.

What's new?
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Come to the library for a free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad moderated by Jack Nordhaus. Cost is free. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

Friday, Sept. 18, 2009

Post-American?
18th Street Arts Center
1639 18th St., 11 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.
The 18th Street Arts Center continues its 2009 season with the exhibition Post-American L.A. curated by Pilar Tompkins for the main gallery and project room. The exhibition features artists that question the scope and impact of American predominance; from the international stage to municipal politics. Artists include Carolina Caycedo, Sandra de la Loza, Hugo Hopping, Ashley Hunt, Vincent Johnson, Glenn Ligon, Adrian Paci, Vincent Ramos and Chen Shaoxiong. Call (310) 453-3711 for more information.

Movies on the pier
Santa Monica Pier, West Pier parking deck
7 p.m.
Brand X and Verizon Wireless present movies on the pier every Friday through Oct. 2. Gates open at 7 p.m., movies start after dusk. Free popcorn and bottled water are available when you visit the Verizon Wireless tent while supplies last. This Friday, "Hairspray" is playing. Admission is free. Call (310) 458-8900 for more information.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009

Keep it clean
Santa Monica Beach
9 a.m. — 12 p.m.
Join the City of Santa Monica and Heal the Bay for the annual Coastal Clean-Up Day, where volunteers will scour the coastline looking for cigarette butts and other debris. Last year, over 12,000 volunteers from Los Angeles County joined together to pick up over 180,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from our beaches and waterways. For more information and to find clean-up locations go to www.healthebay.org.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



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A FAMILY AFFAIR ON THE HARDWOOD: **Lilly Feder (left) and Daisy Feder (right) will reunite on UC San Diego's basketball team next season. The two played together at Samohi in 2008.**

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Samohi's Feder commits to UCSD

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Family ties run deep in the Feder family.

Santa Monica High School senior small forward Lilly Feder has verbally committed to play basketball at UC San Diego, joining older sister and Samohi grad Daisy Feder.

Playing with her sister certainly weighed heavily on the decision, but it was academics that ultimately swayed her San Diego's way.

"I only considered really strong academic schools," Lilly Feder said. "My mom was pushing for this school."

Schools pursuing her included Harvard, University of Pennsylvania and Fresno State.

In the end, she wanted to stay close to home.

"I've always wanted to go to college in California," she said.

Her commitment is the second one made by a member of this year's team. Earlier this summer, senior guard Thea Lemberger committed to UCLA.

For Head Coach Marty Verdugo, the news bolsters a program that is quickly becoming one of the more successful teams on campus.

He said that the next player on the squad likely to garner attention from college scouts is junior guard Kristina Johnson. He said that she has already received letters from colleges and expects that to continue once the season begins this winter.

As for Lilly Feder, he said he couldn't be happier for a player he expects to be one of the Vikings' top weapons next season. He hopes she continues to develop her outside game and sees her as a defensive stopper who can cover both post and perimeter players.

Her offensive game is certainly going to be a part of the Vikings' attack this season, but she sees herself primarily as a defensive player who has the skills to put points on the scoreboard.

"I try to start on defense and let the offense just come," she said.

Once she steps foot on UCSD's campus, Lilly Feder said she is unsure of what role she'll play for her college team, but she certainly knows it will be a family reunion of sorts. Joining her sister Daisy, who will be in her junior season, Lilly at first had concerns that the siblings may not mesh on and off the court.

She looked back to her sophomore season when she and Daisy both played varsity for Samohi fondly, erasing any concern that the two would have chemistry issues.

With two college recruits to the team's credit, it appears the Vikings are poised to make another appearance in the California Interscholastic Federation playoffs. Samohi finished 23-8 last season and made it to the semifinals.

"Hopefully we can keep the varsity strong for at least three more years to come," Verdugo said.

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Special ed advocates concerned about proposed term limits

BY MELODY HANATANI
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SMMUSD HDQTRS A proposal to impose term limits and reduce the number of parents serving on school District Advisory Committees (DAC) is drawing concerns from existing members who believe that the changes would send the wrong message to the community.

The Board of Education tonight is scheduled to discuss the potential revisions to the committee policy, among the final pieces in a nearly year-long effort to review over 400 policies, administrative regulations and exhibits that guide the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District every day, some of which have been updated in the past few years, others untouched since the 1970s.

The issue concerns the proposal to reduce the number of bodies on the DACs from a maximum of 20 down to 11 and to restrict members to two, four-year terms with the possibility of a third term with a two-thirds vote by the school board.

The existing policy allows members to reapply after serving one term without limits.

The Special Education District Advisory Committee, which led the reform movement in the troubled special education program several years ago, took a position at its meeting on Tuesday to oppose the revisions.

Members of the group, commonly referred to as SEDAC, have voiced concerns in the past that they believed such changes could be in store. There are currently 19 members who serve on the committee.

"My concern about this is that it represents an initiative to reduce the involvement of the community and parents with the public institution," Claudia Landis, the vice chair of SEDAC, said. "I think it actually could have the unintended consequence of reducing the diversity of members on these committees."

There are currently eight committees that advise the school board on matters ranging from finances to health and safety to childcare.

Cuneo said the revisions were modeled after the City Council's policy on its advisory boards and commissions, providing members to serve up to 12 years.

He added that smaller groups are typically run more smoothly.

"It's much more efficient and people who manage meetings or deal with meetings tell you that 12 (members) is about the max for really getting things done well," he said.

Cuneo said that there are still opportunities for input even with a smaller board, noting that the public can attend DAC meetings and participate.

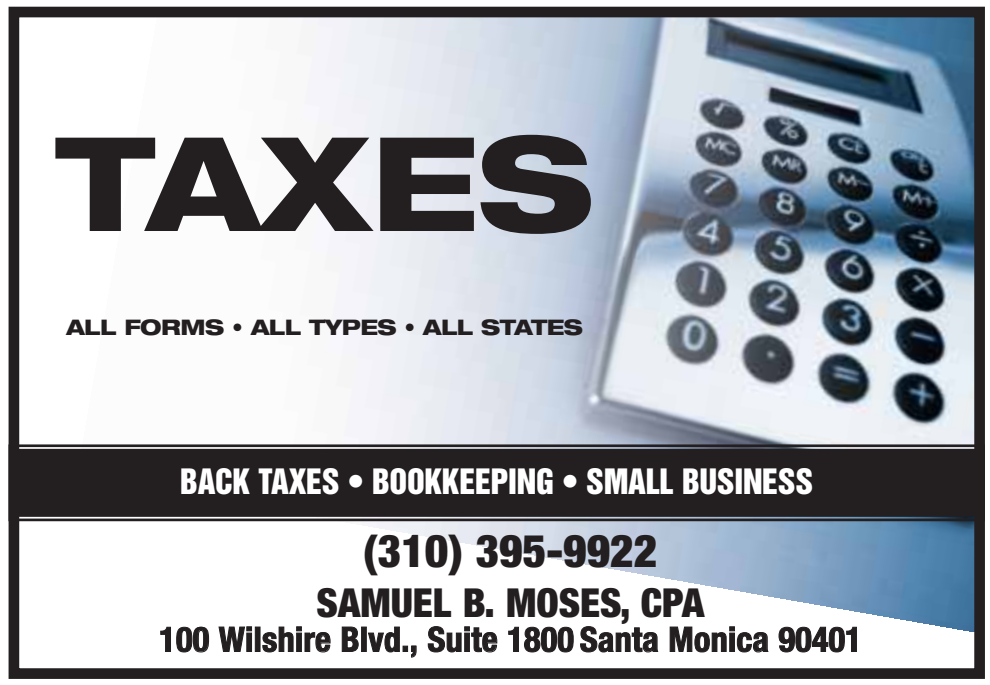
Not all committees are as concerned. Cynthia Torres, who chairs the Financial Oversight Committee, said she doesn't see the proposed policy changes having any effect on her particular group.

Tricia Crane, a long-time member of SEDAC, said the term limits would send the wrong message to the community, adding that special education in particular is a complex topic and it's important to have continuity.

"It's very difficult for new parents to understand the scope of some of the implications of the things without members who have (served) a long time," she said. "I think it would be a shame to lose that long-standing well educated conversant community members."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Praying for a recovery

Editor:

It was with great relief when I read that the young football player at Santa Monica High School seems to be out of great harm. I was on the sidelines when the collision of the players happened. What a terrible noise. You could immediately tell that an injury had taken place. My prayers go out to Cody Williams and his family.

Richard Seipp
Santa Monica

Don't give up on the public option

Editor:

Health care reform without a true public option is the insurance industry's dream. A strong public option – available on day one – is the only way to keep the insurance industry's greed in check.

Our member of Congress pledged to vote against health care reform that lacks a strong public option.

Anything without a public option isn't real reform.

Our member of Congress needs to keep the pledge to vote against bills without a strong public option – both in the original House bill, and in the conference bill merged with the Senate.

Some in D.C. say that "triggers" are an acceptable compromise. In reality, a "trigger" is a way to actually kill a public option.

Triggers would only enact a public option if the insurance industry fails to meet standards that their lobbyists will inevitably design. And even then, Congress would have to specifically pass a public option again. It's a rigged game that will never let a public option see the light of day.

"Co-ops" are another unacceptable compromise. Co-ops are "fake public options" that will never be able to check the greed of the insurance industry. Our member of Congress can't support co-ops either.

Mary Rojeski
Santa Monica

Picture tells the story

Editor:

Tens of thousands of protesters descended on the U.S. Capitol, stirred into a frenzy by talk jocks Glenn Beck, Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh. It is said a picture is worth a thousand words. If you saw the pictures of the protest you saw an almost exclusive crowd of white skins. This was not a picture of the diversity that is America but a gathering of the fringe elements of conservative and Republican persuasion.

It was a crowd of anti-this and anti-that, anti-tax zealots and not just a few racists, vilifying President Obama and his policies of change. It was a crowd wearing their false patriotism on their sleeves parroting the hate radio agenda.

The signs told what type of day and crowd it was: "Socialism=slavery," "Is Obama a fascist Islamist?"

Ron Lowe
Santa Monica

Gouging the public on parking

Editor:

As I write this at twilight on the night of the 100th anniversary celebration of the Santa Monica Pier, the two Second Street parking garages I have just passed (between Santa Monica and Wilshire boulevards) are more empty than I have ever seen them at this time. With their big $15 parking signs, one had 330 empty spaces and the other had 429.

If this extends into the evening, the question must be asked: Do the politicians and "leaders" of this community have no sense of local history? Has no one looked at the death of Westwood which was once the most vibrant part of the Westside?

In the 1980s, Westwood was packed the way the Third Street Promenade is today. And then the geniuses there decided to gouge the public on parking. Just like the geniuses here are doing today.

Or is this just a brilliantly devious form of urban planning – aimed at killing off the businesses and the buzz and return Santa Monica to its sleepy, boring decrepitude of a couple of decades ago?

M.G. Burke



Meredith Pro Tem

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The fading status of Glamour Gulch

DESPITE FINISHING THIRD IN THIS summer's Tour de France, seven-time champion Lance Armstrong remained the big man on campus in Aspen, because his son was born a few weeks prior to the start of the race at Aspen Valley Hospital. The cycling legend's presence around town put Aspen back into the conversation as a getaway for the rich and famous.

Other than Armstrong, it appears as if Aspen, the once gossip-page mainstay, has fallen from the A-list to the zzzzzzzz-list. Once known as the snowy playground of the Hollywood elite, in recent years its celebrity ski conditions have seemed more like mashed potatoes than champagne powder.

One of the area's most legendary dwellers, Goldie Hawn, is more famous lately for being the mother of actress Kate Hudson than anything else. The 1969 Academy Award-winner, whose last memorable hit was likely nitrous oxide in the dentist's chair, complained to The Aspen Times in 2008 that the paparazzi in town had gotten so bad during the holiday season, "They're right on top of you . … they follow you wherever you go. It's an insult to your being."

What Hawn might have found more troubling than the paparazzi, however, is that they were probably harassing her so she'd move out of the way, as she was blocking the money shot of her tabloid staple daughter, who was walking next to her.

Melanie Griffith, a recent cover girl for Aspen Peak magazine (ironically and otherwise known as the glossy where Hollywood careers go to die), is an Aspen stalwart. Her husband, Antonio Banderas, who has seemingly done more Nasonex commercials than films, has become best known for being the voice of an animated cat (albeit an adorably feisty animated cat, Puss in Boots) who gets third billing behind an ogre and an ass.

Until a few years ago, Griffith's ex-husband Don Johnson maintained an Aspen-area address, too. But when the tip jar in a neighborhood bar put up a sign asking for contributions to help pay off Johnson's debts at local grocery and liquor stores, the one-time "Miami Vice" and "Nash Bridges" star must have taken that as a sign that it was time to move on and out.

More people went to see Aspenite Kevin Costner play with his band at local music venue Belly Up (capacity: 450) in July than his last film, "Swing Vote." Homeowner Jack Nicholson is most likely to be featured on "Entertainment Tonight" only when yet another scantily clad 20-something is spied helping him stumble out of a nightclub with his belly hanging out over his pants.

Mariah Carey makes her annual 12-minute pilgrimage to Aspen each year at Christmas time, smiles for the cameras outside the Louis Vuitton and Buccellati boutiques and then glides over the slush and ice in her 6-inch stilettos and one-piece mink-lined snowsuit back to her private plane at Sardy Field. Regardless, since her new album's release date has ominously been pushed back twice, it's unlikely Aspen or anything else other than her bra will be getting a boost from her presence.

A smattering of Kennedys find their way to Sardy Field every year too, but they don't garner the same kind of buzz in Aspen as they do in Hyannis Port (although at 7,890 feet they probably get a better buzz). The Kennedys' Cape Cod neighbor, Martha's Vineyard, continues to maintain its spot as an A-list resort with celebrity denizens like Larry David and Ted Danson.

While Danson has yet to duplicate the kind of success he had on "Cheers," Bill and Hillary Clinton are his frequent house guests, and they'll always be A-list. Plus the Obamas vacationed on the Vineyard last month, and a visit from a non-working, sitting president is a guaranteed shot of adrenaline to the status of any town (with the exception of Crawford, Texas).

With Ralph Lauren, Oprah Winfrey and Tom Cruise (couch-jumping Scientologist or not, he's still A-list) calling it their (second, third, fourth or fifth) home, Telluride is solidly an A town, too. So is Vail, just because it is.

Neighboring resort and perennial Vail shadow, Beaver Creek, had longtime local Gerald Ford, putting both the resort and the president squarely on the B-list. (You sort of actually have to be elected to something with the word "president" in the title and actually serve a full term in order to be considered an A-list president).

Park City has Robert Redford, but any halo effect of his A-list ranking on the town is canceled out by D-listers like Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan, who invade the Wasatch Mountain burg for the swag suites during the Sundance Film Festival. Sun Valley is A-list all the way with Tom Hanks, Clint Eastwood, Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher and Maria Shriver and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

At least Aspen has Lance. His bronze showing in France might not have landed him on the cover of Sports Illustrated, but he'll show Puss In Boots who's the man on the washed-up streets of Aspen.

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Speaking out against suicide

DISCUSSING SUICIDE IS TRICKY. I KNOW because I do it all the time.

I am a survivor of suicide loss, and I am not alone. There are 33,000 deaths by suicide in the United States every year. It is the 11th leading cause of death, and for young people between the ages of 15 and 24, it is the third leading cause of death. There are approximately three suicides every day in Los Angeles, and suicide accounts for more deaths than homicide.

Despite these statistics, suicide is still misunderstood by many people. Suicide deaths are rarely publicized by the media (unless the person who died is a celebrity), and the stigma associated with suicide prevents many survivors from talking about it. I am working to change that.

In 1993, my 26-year-old son Stephen took his own life on the beach near our Santa Monica home. Stephen's suicide came less than a year after he experienced a serious psychotic break. Stephen had been a brilliant student — a graduate of Yale, with an additional degree from Cambridge and a law degree from Harvard. He was ready to start his law career, and had a new wife. The world seemed to be his for the taking. But on a trip to Europe, Stephen experienced his breakdown. He was highly agitated and unable to function, seeming to drift in and out of reality.

Stephen began therapy and psychiatric treatment. But he struggled for months to deal with the after affects of his breakdown, bipolar disorder, and the serious depression that had taken hold. Despite the severity of his illness, I never expected Stephen to die by suicide. I thought he would be treated and come out of his depression. I realize now I did not know enough about suicide to understand the risk factors or the warning signs. I did not know what could happen to Stephen.

I am not alone in this. There are survivors all around the world who never stop trying to understand what happened to their loved one. Research shows that 20 percent of us will have an immediate family member and more than 60 percent of us will know someone who dies by suicide. Untreated depression is the number one cause of suicide. It can effect people of any age, and often goes undetected.

Today, more than 15 years after Stephen's death, I understand there is no one to blame for his suicide. I understand because I got help from the Didi Hirsch Suicide Prevention Center, which helped me to cope with the pain of Stephen's suicide.

Now I do all I can to make sure other friends and families who have lost someone to suicide get the help and support they need. And I work hard to try to prevent what happened to Stephen from happening to anyone else. I am a co-facilitator for Didi Hirsch's "Survivors after Suicide" bereavement support groups, make presentations throughout the community, and am an original member of the Didi Hirsch Suicide Response Team, which collaborates with the Los Angeles mayor's Crisis Response Team to provide immediate support for survivors at the scene of a suicide. I believe strongly that survivors like me need to talk openly and candidly about our experiences, and that we will never erase the societal stigma of suicide unless we talk about it.

How can you help? Educate yourself. Understand the nature of suicide and its causes. Ninety percent of people who die by suicide suffer from one or more psychiatric disorders, such as depression, bipolar disorder, or schizophrenia. Alcohol or substance abuse frequently plays a role — 50 percent of people who attempt suicide are intoxicated at the time.

Most important, understand the warning signs, which are present in four out of five suicides. They include making statements of hopelessness and helplessness; threatening suicide; giving away possessions and putting one's affairs in order; a decrease in the ability to function; an increase in risk-taking behaviors; social or emotional withdrawal; and writing or drawing about suicide or death. If someone you know is exhibiting any of these signs don't wait — ask for help. Call the Didi Hirsch Crisis Line at (877) 727-4747.

As a survivor, and as chairman of the board of Didi Hirsch, I believe that suicide prevention is my most important role. I know that through services like suicide prevention hotlines, communities can save lives. This year, calls to the Didi Hirsch 24-hour crisis line have gone up by an astonishing 60 percent. But thanks to the tireless volunteers who provide support and counsel to callers in pain, and friends and family who understand the warning signs for suicide, and refer their loved ones for appropriate treatment, suicide can be prevented.

STAN LELEWER is a survivor of suicide loss and chairman of the board at Didi Hirsch Suicide Prevention Center. September is suicide prevention month.

The Q Line

Paying to park

The City Council has agreed to increase the fees for parking at Downtown structures. The maximum daily rate will increase from $7 to $9. A monthly pass will go from $82.50 to $121.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you think that the increases are overdue or has the council gone too far?

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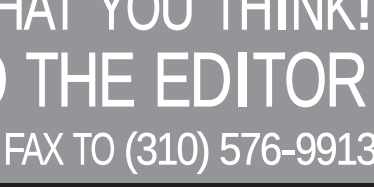
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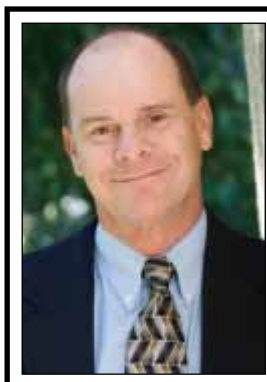
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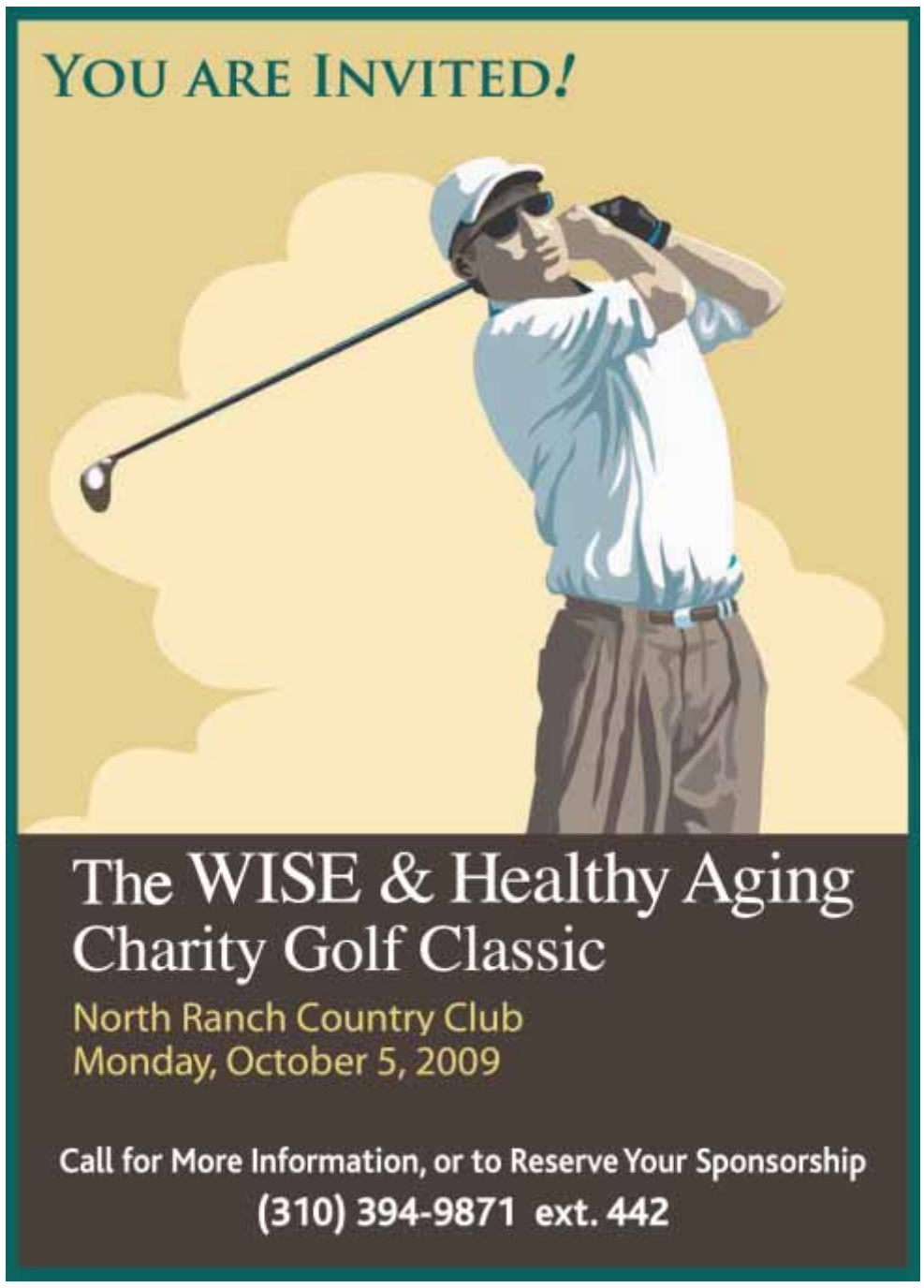






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Stumbling upon a new latitude

HAVE YOU EVER FOUND A RESTAURANT by fluke, and then that restaurant turned out to be one of your new favorite places to eat? Well, that exact thing is what connected me to my favorite Thai restaurant, Lattitude Thai, which is located at 2906 Lincoln Blvd. in Santa Monica. It is a small, family-owned restaurant and its food is definitely full of flavor and fresh ingredients.

As you walk through the front door, you see a giant chalkboard with all of the daily specials filling it from top to bottom. Some of the restaurant's décor includes traditional Thai sculptures, paintings, pots and other accessories. By the front window they have ceremonial Thai offerings, which are decorative pots filled with water and floating lilies, which you would see outside of restaurants, stores and homes in Thailand.

Once you are seated by one of their warm and courteous staff members, you will have time to look at their unique woven menu. Their menu is overflowing with delicious options for appetizers, entrees and let's definitely not forget about dessert. All of the dishes are presented beautifully and almost all of the dishes are decorated with carrots carved as flowers. My favorite appetizers are: chicken sate, which is chicken with a light curry glaze served on a stick that comes with a mouth-watering peanut sauce and a sweet and sour crunchy cucumber salad; the coconut milk soup (Tom Yum or Tom Kha), which is a blend of delicious mushrooms, vegetables and your choice of meats, shrimp or tofu spiced to perfection (if you like things hot); the summer rolls, which are nonfried wonton noodles stuffed with a boatload of tofu, mixed vegetables, glass noodles and Thai seasonings served with that same delicious peanut sauce; and the wonton soup, which is full-sized shrimp and scrumptious pieces of pork in a salty chicken broth.

I think Lattitude Thai should be known for its rice dishes, such as the pineapple fried rice. When my family and I go there it is all my sister, Hannah, eats. It is a blend of juicy sweet pineapples, seasoned prawns and chicken, onions, cashew nuts and plump raisins, but of course what makes this dish so outrageous is their skilled way of blending delicious spices. It is sweet, crunchy, tender and savory all in one bite. The spicy fried rice, which has a real kick to it, is made with onions, tomatoes, red and green bell peppers, Thai basil and your choice of chicken, beef, prawns, tofu, or pork.

My favorite entrees include the red curry. I love this dish because with each bite the flavors of the curry and coconut milk blend with the onions, bamboo shoots, carrots and the huge hunks of basil. I usually get it with chicken but you can choose what you want. The yellow curry adds a unique flavor and texture to a mix of pumpkin, curry, coconut milk, onions and other veggies. It is a little bit milder than the red curry and can also be made with your choice of meat or shrimp. The flavors mix really well with the brown rice. The pompano with ginger sauce is a specialty fish dish that they fillet and quick fry. Then they add a delicious ginger sauce that is made with chopped ginger, scallions, onions, garlic, as well as other herbs and spices. This fish is served whole on a platter but is easy to serve and eat because it is already prepared in delicious bite sized pieces.

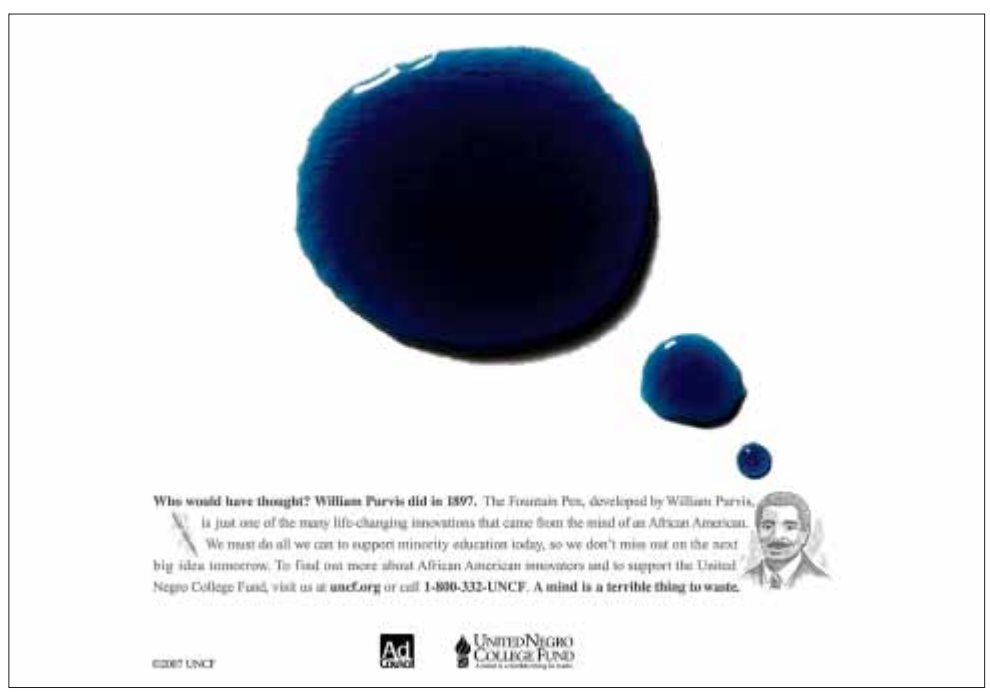
What I love about Latitude Thai is that each dish has its own distinct flavor. When you order lots of dishes for your table it is like a symphony of flavors mixing on your taste buds.

And then, at last, it's time for dessert. At Lattitude Thai they have fried ice cream, which is creamy ice cream with a crispy breading (that kind of reminds me of a crunchy donut) served in a cherry syrup. Their traditional Thai specialty mango with sticky rice adds something sweet to the evening. This is a seasonal dish composed of juicy, ripe mangos served with a pile of sweet soft sticky rice that has been prepared with condensed milk and then sprinkled with mung beans on top. Another of my favorites is the fried banana served with either honey or vanilla ice cream. It is so good, people in Thailand are begging for it!

I definitely feel like Lattitude Thai would be a great place for anybody who doesn't know where to go on a date, a family that doesn't know where to eat, or just if you want to go out and have a fun evening alone or with friends. And even if you have a gluten allergy or are lactose intolerant, you can still find something good there that you can eat. This restaurant really does work wonders.

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Try Lemonade for a taste that takes you back

BY JENNIFER MEIER
Special to the Daily Press

At the newly opened Lemonade, on the corner of Abbot Kinney and Venice Boulevard, Chef Alan Jackson is filling a gap that has existed in the Venice dining scene for a surprisingly long time: thoughtfully prepared, picnic-perfect food for all ages and appetites that can be can be taken to go or eaten in house.

Chef Jackson's decision to name his micro-chain of restaurants Lemonade and to print the restaurant name in careful grade-school penmanship on lined paper is both sweet and calculated. He's inviting us all back to our childhood (or the childhood we wished we had) that was filled with simple pleasures: fresh squeezed lemonade, oatmeal cookies, home cooked meals and school cafeterias that were run like real kitchens instead of fast food joints.

He's also capitalizing on a dining trend that emphasizes comfort over sophistication, value over extravagance and convenience above all else. Lemonade is the type of eatery suitable for a wide range of occasions and appetites. You can feed your kids at Lemonade or you can impress a date with a gourmet picnic. You can stuff yourself silly (try the sinfully good short rib and mac 'n cheese sandwich) or opt for something lighter (snap peas with edamame and sesame vinaigrette). The menu choices, offered in a cafeteria-like setting, overwhelm at first but your indecision should be eased by the knowledge that it's hard to go wrong.

As you slide your cafeteria tray down the line, you're likely to think at first glance that the two-dozen or so cold options displayed behind glass are salads. Do not be fooled. "Salad" is not an adequate word to describe these filling and complex ingredient combinations. Chef Jackson clearly enjoys playing with contrasting flavors and in most cases the blending of sweet, savory and acidic elements works quite well. Mint vinaigrette tastes surprisingly good over rice spiked with bits of sweet nectarines and salty, sharp Grafton cheddar. The hearty grain faro can drag a dish down, but when Chef Jackson combines it with delicate threads of spaghetti squash and a sweet-tart pomegranate vinaigrette, it becomes a lot more interesting. Less adventurous choices also abound — avocado with cherry tomatoes and pine nuts looked especially refreshing on a recent hot day, as did a combination of green beans and garbanzos with feta. Even with the seemingly healthy ingredients, however, most of the cold options on the menu are decidedly heavy. In many cases, the creative use of flavors is muted somewhat by the liberal use of oil, giving some of the dishes an unfortunate uniformity in flavor.

The cold entrées ($4 a portion) can be bulked up with protein ($5) options like buttermilk baked chicken breast, bay shrimp ceviche and citrus poached salmon. Lemonade also offers what they call "semi-traditional" sandwiches, which means combinations like corned beef with sauerkraut, gruyere and mustard aioli on rosemary bread and roasted turkey with pickled onions and avocado on whole grain. The sandwiches ($8) are toasted to order and travel well to the beach.

Even more tempting are the stew pots filled with braised pork, turkey, brisket, short ribs and lamb. Few home cooks today have the time and patience required to achieve the intense level of flavor and melt-in-your mouth texture that less-expensive cuts of meat are capable of when simmered for hours. Lemonade, however, has no qualms about doing it all for you. On any given day, they're serving everything from Basque chicken with artichokes to turkey pot roast with sage gravy to beef stroganoff ($9). While these types of stews and roasts can be immensely satisfying, they also become too much rather quickly. Your best bet is to share a portion, which also leaves open the possibility of saving room for other goodies.

Remember when you were a kid and no dessert was too sugary? Lemonade still bakes with that motto in mind. Chocolate strawberry Ding Dongs, pecan brown sugar sticky bars, caramel frosted brown sugar drop cookies and all-American desserts like banana layer cake are generously displayed by the register.

Lemonade does not serve alcohol, but a glass of their homemade lemonade ($2.75) is a pleasurable substitute. Four flavors are offered daily and while the fancy blends of watermelon and peach ginger were tempting, I stuck with classic lemonade. More tart than sweet and ice-cold — it did not disappoint.

Lemonade's high ceilings create a spacious and airy feel, although when the cafe is crowded those same high ceilings magnify the noise. The retro-décor blends the elements of a grade school cafeteria and classroom into a surprisingly stylish setting that will appeal to both the kid and adult in you.

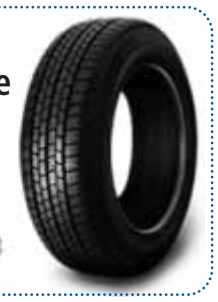
It is through the comfort food that Lemonade serves, however, not the décor that the nostalgic atmosphere Lemonade is trying to create feels the most genuine. The employee's old-fashioned uniforms are cute and the school cafeteria atmosphere is fun but it is the home-cooked aroma of pot roast filling the air that makes me want to come back.

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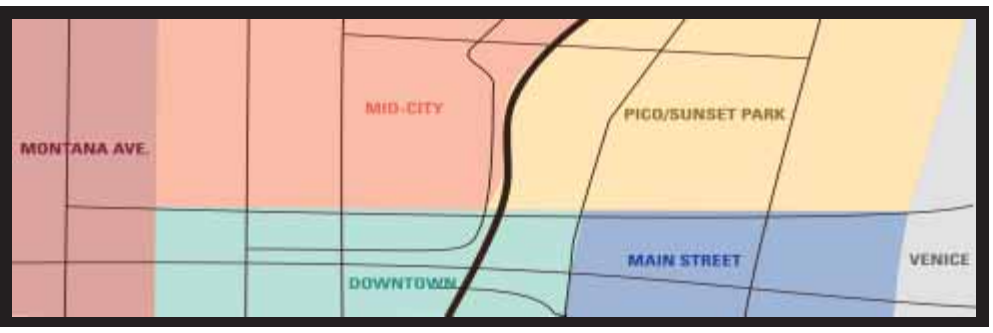
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Dugard case casts harsh spotlight on sex offenders

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EAST PALO ALTO, Calif. After being locked away for 25 years for sex crimes, Donald Robinson moved to a little block of unassuming homes in this city on the San Francisco Peninsula on Aug. 27.

The timing couldn't have been worse. It was the day after Philip Garrido was arrested just 40 miles away on charges that he kidnapped 11-year-old Jaycee Lee Dugard and held her captive for 18 years despite his long criminal record as a sex offender.

Police distributed fliers in Robinson's new neighborhood, alerting residents that he was living there. He has been targeted by a protest rally organized by the mayor and daily picketing outside his house. And the state is paying two security guards $800 a day each to protect him.

Robinson's case underscores just how hard it is for the government to move sex offenders back into society, especially at a time there is widespread outrage over the Garrido case and the missed opportunities to catch him.

It's an issue that communities around the country have faced in an era when community notification laws in all 50 states let residents know where sex offenders live.

"There's a number of challenges for everyone involved in sex offenders going through re-entry," said Richard Tewksbury, a University of Louisville professor who has studied community reactions to sex offenders. "There's the stresses and pressures on the sex offenders as they face community opposition. There's certainly stresses on communities as they have concerns about potential dangers."

Robinson was convicted of raping two women in 1976. Authorities say he first raped a 71-year-old victim, then returned to her home 10 days later to attack her again. But he could not break into the house, so he beat and raped another woman that night. He was sentenced to three years to life in prison.

In 1984, he was convicted of raping a 19-year-old girl and sentenced to 21 years in prison.

Robinson was classified as a sexually violent predator based on his likelihood of committing another sex crime, his mental state and criminal history, and forced into the state mental hospital in Atascadero in 1998 instead of being let out on parole.

He completed 11 years in state mental facilities before landing in East Palo Alto as part of a state-sponsored outpatient program. The Department of Mental Health and a contractor that manages its outpatient program for sexually violent predators looked at 1,100 properties over about six months before it found a suitable location with a landlord willing to rent to Robinson, said Nancy Kincaid, a spokeswoman for the department.

But neighbors on the street where Robinson lives in a three-bedroom corner house are furious.

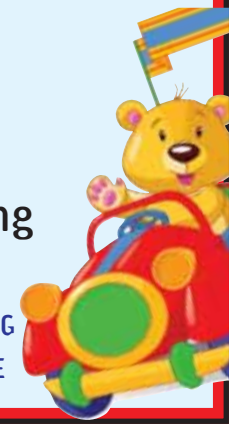
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Difficult balancing act when sex offenders reenter society

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in the city phone book alerted to attend a protest in front of the house. "A sexually violent predator doesn't belong here, with old people and families," Abrica said.

The mayor's office cited the Dugard kidnapping case in voicing its opposition to the placement of Robinson in this town.

"The tragic case of Jaycee Dugard ... underscores the dangerous nature of sexually violent predators and brings into question their supervision and monitoring," the office said.

Garrido, who has pleaded not guilty along with his wife, is a registered sex offender who was convicted of abducting and raping a Nevada casino worker three decades ago. He was required to wear an ankle bracelet and was under parole supervision before his arrest on Aug. 26. Police are investigating Garrido in other crimes as well, including searching his home this week for new clues into the disappearance of two girls in the 1980s.

The Robinson case and others like it illustrate the difficult balancing act between community safety and the rights of ex-offenders to live in peace and resume a normal life.

"It's hard to blame the community for a natural reaction to a horrific sex crime," said Dr. Deirdre D'Orazio, a clinical psychologist who works with sexually violent predators. "We're trying to integrate this person into being a law-abiding citizen again. On the other hand, we're treating him like he's going to be a predator forever."

Unlike Garrido, state officials and experts say Robinson completed a rigorous treatment program for sexually violent predators that only 15 others have completed.

At the mental hospital, Robinson was taught to examine what factors led up to his crimes and could put him at risk of committing similar ones. In an interview with a mental health evaluator, Robinson said he hated his mother for exposing him to an abusive stepfather and took that hatred out on other women.

But he credited his treatment with helping him make sense of his behavior and said he was no longer angry. "I know that I made myself a better person," he told the evaluator.

Three mental health evaluators concluded Robinson could safely continue his treatment as an outpatient.

The state of California has to pay for Robinson's re-entry into society, including his $3,500-a-month house. He also receives about $600 per month for groceries, utilities and other necessities although state officials say he has signed a promissory note to repay at least some expenses.

State officials estimate the cost of confinement and treatment of sexually violent predators in state mental institutions at $185,000 a year per patient.

But Robinson is barely free. He wears a satellite tracking device and must submit to random drug testing and polygraph tests. He cannot drink alcohol or use the Internet, has a curfew and needs permission to drive a car or even walk through a residential neighborhood.





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Santa Monica Police Capt. Alex Padilla and Carla Barrett build toys during a Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica program by Free Arts For Abused Children on Wednesday.

Promenade came to be after collaboration of civic leaders

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ties that came with the newly elected officials, including building more affordable housing, revitalizing the pier, and bringing Downtown back to life, Zane, who helped found the political party, said.

In 1984, Zane and several property owners on Third Street, including Ed Wenner and Ernie Kaplan, collaborated to plan for the resurgence of the commercial district, a place that would serve as an outdoor living room.

Wenner, who died of stomach cancer before the promenade opened, was responsible for convincing property owners to assess themselves in order to help fund the construction. Other key figures included Boris Dramov of Roma Capital Associates, who proved pivotal in the debate over whether cars should be allowed into the new promenade.

Zane said that property owners felt the problem with the lack of business on Third Street was that cars were not allowed access, while residents argued in favor of keeping the pedestrian feel of the mall.

"Boris came up with the strategy that put a street in the middle," Zane said. "(He said) make it look nice so people feel comfortable walking on it and we'll keep it narrow and put the bollards on both ends of the block and so if you want to let cars in, you can drop the bollards."

It turned out that the promenade was so successful that the bollards rarely needed to be removed.

Zane said there were three key decisions that helped the success of the promenade, including incorporating an art program, the featuring of alfresco dining and the addition of movie theaters.

It was Bruria Finkel, the wife of then Councilmember David Finkel, who saw that the promenade did not have an arts program, which caused construction to halt for three months while one was devised, Zane said.

"That is where the topiary dinosaurs came from," he said. "It became the iconic identity of the promenade internationally and locally."

Movie theaters were long listed as a permitted use in Downtown but were never focused as a crucial element, mainly because officials did not believe that the movie theater chains would compete with themselves in cinema-rich Westwood.

But in the period of several weeks during the 1980s, City Hall received four proposals for movie theaters, all of which were located in neighborhoods, which residents opposed because of the possible traffic and parking impacts.

Zane said he introduced an ordinance that would prohibit movie theaters anywhere in the city except for on the promenade.

Today the promenade is a major draw for residents and tourists, busy during the weekdays, packed on weekends, attracting not only visitors but street performers looking for exposure and panhandlers.

Some changes have taken place in the past year, including a new assessment district that brings in more than $3 million annually, paying for cleaning and maintenance services and the new ambassadors program. There are also changes in store for the future, including a plan that will address the parking and traffic infrastructure.

"They are helping guide people in Downtown," Rawson said of the ambassadors. "They are addressing quality of life issues and it has made a very positive impact for the area."

The outdoor mall still gets good reviews 20 years later.

"I love how busy it is and I love all the stores," Lina Ahmed, a visitor, said on Tuesday. "I love everything about it."

John Newton has been coming to the promenade since he was a young child, when it was still called just Third Street.

Calling it "shi-shi," Newton said he comes to the promenade nearly every day for the food.

"So many of the little shops we used to like are gone," he said.

The promenade is a bit different from what the founders had envisioned.

"There has been more corporate chain retail that came in than we wanted or expected," Zane said. "We wanted more local retail."

The influx of chain stores took place in the early part of the decade when one real estate company came and bought about a dozen properties, Zane said.

He added that the promenade is also busier than he expected, particularly on weekend evenings, but noted that in the afternoon, it's the "sweetest place in the world to go."

"I don't travel that much but I've been to a few places that are notable destinations in the world and the promenade on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon can't be beat," he said.

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MAKING THE PLAY: **Samohi's Cody Williams (right) chases down Leuzinger's Denzel Idris on Friday night at Corsair Field. Williams was hurt later in the game.**

Campus rallies around injured player

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people in high places.

It is unsure how USC's Pete Carroll heard of the injury, but the celebrated football coach wasted little time in coming to Williams' side. He visited with him on Monday, wishing him a speedy recovery and even promised him that he was welcome on the sidelines of any Trojan game and even went as far as to invite him to a future practice.

Smith said that the gesture had special meaning for Williams, who counts the Trojans as his favorite college team.

Williams' list of well wishers includes Marcus McNeil of the San Diego Chargers, another of his favorite teams. The star offensive tackle dedicated Monday's game against the Oakland Raiders to Williams via his Twitter page. Carroll also used the popular social networking site to wish him well.

It is only fitting that the Internet has been utilized to rally support. Samohi student Shugoofa Zarifi created a group on Facebook to chronicle his condition. The group, "We Love You Cody Williams," has amassed 764 members in the few days since it was launched and is being used as the primary source for updates regarding his injury and the efforts to raise funds for his treatment.

Smith and other family members have created a bank account that will be used to collect any money raised for treatment. Those who would like to contribute are being encouraged to contact Smith at codywilliams513@yahoo.com.

Lacy said that fundraising efforts on campus are in the early stages, but said that anything raised by school-affiliated groups would be routed to the Cody Williams Recovery Fund started by Smith. He said that a number of campus groups have come forward to help the cause and that he and other faculty are currently devising ways to orchestrate those efforts.

The injury, believed to be the first of its kind in recent school history, has certainly had an effect on the team and student body. As a result, school officials have made counseling services available and a meeting has been scheduled for today at the campus library at 6:30 p.m. The session will focus on trauma.

Counseling has also been made available to Williams' teammates, who have been shaken by this incident. Players have been filling their Facebook and Twitter pages with well wishes for Williams.

Senior linebacker Luke Zelon said that the team was excited to hear that Williams has made progress since Friday.

Offensive Coordinator Jason Battung said that everybody on the team is dealing with the situation in different ways. He said that players who are closer to Williams are taking it the hardest, but added that it has been difficult for the entire team.

"It is so fresh," Battung said. "It is still in its reactionary stage until we find out more."

For Lacy, he can only hope that time heals all wounds.

"We just have to let nature and God take their course," Lacy said.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority invites proposals from qualified firms for RFP No. XP8902-825 to provide community outreach, strategic communications and public affairs services associated with Phase 2 of the Exposition Light Rail Transit Project. The basis of award will be the highest evaluation score based upon price and other technical factors.

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SC man died hungry, solo in tent, baffling friends

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ANDERSON, S.C. David Condon died broke and alone in a zipped-up tent on the banks of a South Carolina lake, his stomach empty and his lungs filling with fluid.

His friends and family hadn't seen the bright but reclusive Civil War buff in more than two months. He lost his job as a program coordinator at the local museum last year, fell behind on his rent and seemed to retreat even more into himself than usual.

Sometime in early July he disappeared. On Labor Day weekend, a group of college kids vacationing at a condo complex a few hundred yards from his tent found his body. The local coroner said he died of pneumonia, made worse by malnutrition. He was dehydrated and had lost 50 pounds in a few months.

Now those who knew him are left to wonder why he never reached out for help. His best friend, Craig Drennon, saw no sign Condon was having problems when the two got together nearly every week to drink beers and play backgammon.

"That's what's so baffling to me," said Drennon, an athlete who became fast friends with the bookworm Condon in 1990 at Limestone College in nearby Gaffney. "To be such a great friend with him, I just don't know what happened. It's just like he took off. Maybe he was on an adventure."

The 39-year-old loved to hike and camp and often sought solitude. His friends are having trouble accepting that he might have needed help and never asked.

He ended up 10 miles down the road from his apartment in a tent on the shores of Lake Hartwell, where it was easily visible just yards from cars roaring by on the state Highway 24 bridge.

His grandfather once had a house there, and another friend who worked with him at the museum thinks it was a place that brought back good memories.

Three days after his body was found, the only signs of him were tent poles scattered around the bank amid plastic gloves used by paramedics. Two camp dishes the size of dessert plates were nearby, along with boxer shorts and socks.

Condon was nude when the students found him, likely because he was running a high fever. There was nothing in his stomach, and no sign of foul play or drug use, said Anderson County Deputy Coroner Charlie Boseman.

His driver's license listed him at 190 pounds, but Boseman said Condon weighed 140 when he died. That stunned Drennon, who said his friend looked normal when he last saw him two months earlier.

Drennon called police Aug. 1 after he hadn't heard from Condon in nearly three weeks. Condon's brother and father came from Massachusetts to search, but found nothing.

Visits to local homeless shelters and soup kitchens were fruitless. The missing person's report said Condon had been depressed in the past and may have stopped taking anti-seizure medicine. His family did not return messages from The Associated Press.

Condon and Drennon drifted apart after college, when Condon spent several years in Mississippi, but they became close again nine years ago when he came back to work at the college library. They met weekly to talk about movies and football especially Condon's beloved New England Patriots.

Holly Waller, property manager for the apartment complex where Condon lived, saw him looking a bit more disheveled than usual a few weeks before he disappeared. He told her he was fine, but Waller said he was behind on the $500-a-month rent for his one-bedroom apartment. Two years earlier, his truck had been towed away because he couldn't afford repairs.

"I wished he would have come in and told me about the situation. I would have given him food, anything he needed to help him out," said Waller, who is organizing a food drive in his memory.

The help is needed in Anderson, which once thrived with textile mills but was ranked this year by Forbes magazine as the 10th worst small city in the U.S. to find a job. Unemployment in Anderson County was 12.5 percent in July, higher than the state average of 11.8 percent and above the national average of 9.7 percent for August. South Carolina hasn't fared much better — as of July, it had the nation's sixth-highest unemployment rate.

Condon never found another job after he left the museum, where he had worked for 2 1/2 years. He told Drennon he was laid off, but county records show he was fired for unsatisfactory work production. The museum director refused to give more details.

Dianne Brown, a friend and former co-worker who said she was fired the same time as Condon, stayed in touch with him after they left the museum, even though his phone was sometimes disconnected. She said he never asked her for help.

Condon also never shared his money woes with his best friend, who said the two were so close that Drennon would ask Condon for advice on what to get his wife for Christmas. Instead, they talked about good times and pie-in-the-sky dreams, like building their own canoes, putting them into the river just down the road and floating hundreds of miles to the ocean.

"Dave was a pretty interesting guy, very humble, a little shy when you first met him," Drennon said "But once you got to know him, he'd let it all hang out, full of wisdom a lot of fun."

Condon loved camping and hiking, the movie "Animal House" and the songs of Jimmy Buffet, said Brown, who doesn't want the way her friend died to be the main thing people recall about him.

"I don't want him to be remembered as the guy that died in a tent," she said, "because that's not who he was."

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Play Time

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Trials of a gay man

WHAT DO TONY KUSHNER, LARRY KRAMER and Moises Kaufman have in common? A lot.

They are all award-winning contemporary playwrights. They have all been civil rights activists. They are all Jewish. They are all gay. And, in one way or another, these life experiences all turn up as themes in their plays.

Take Kaufman, whose last production was "The Laramie Project," about the 1998 hate-murder of University of Wyoming gay student Matthew Shepard. Kaufman's latest offering, now running at The Eclectic Company Theatre in North Hollywood, deals with the court trials of Irish playwright, poet, short story writer and all-around Renaissance man of the Victorian era, Oscar Wilde.

Those familiar with Wilde only for his bitingly witty maxims, will be introduced to the full aesthetic and political personality of this celebrated icon of the late 19th century in Kaufman's "Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde."

Culled from letters, newspaper reports, transcripts of the actual trials, and Wilde's own testimony and writings, the play is a powerful indictment of the mores of those times. While homosexuality was rampant among the British upper classes, especially in the elite boys' schools, it was traditionally disregarded if conducted discretely. On the other hand, buggery, or anal sex, had been ruled a felony punishable by death since 1533, under Henry Vlll. It was a sentence that remained on the books until 1861.

In 1885 Queen Victoria added homosexuality to the Criminal Law Amendment Act (although she excluded lesbians since, as she asserted, women didn't engage in that sort of activity). That law remained in effect until 1954, and homosexuality itself was not decriminalized in Britain until 1967.

Thus, in 1885, when Wilde initiated a lawsuit for libel against the Ninth Marquess of Queensberry for circulating the accusation that Wilde was a "posing sodomite" (whatever that phrase means), Wilde entered a Kafka-esque world that eventually destroyed his life.

The Marquess had two homosexual sons, but he singled out the younger one, Lord Alfred Douglas, for his particular loathing and contempt. Lord Alfred, known as "Bosie," was the on-again, off-again love of Oscar Wilde's life, even to his death in 1900. Both of them had a multitude of partners, however, and Wilde, especially, was known to solicit young working-class boys and what's known as "rough trade."

Wilde, who was married and had fathered two sons, did not consider himself a homosexual. He was, he said, "about something else." That "something else" was about his role as an artist, an aesthete, and as a philosopher in the manner of Plato and Socrates. In "Gross Indecency" Wilde is treated with sympathy by the playwright, as he was by many of his friends and his lawyers, even as he became a pariah in London. Ironically, one of his staunch supporters was George Bernard Shaw, a man who was his contemporary, having been born within two years of Wilde, but who outlived him by 50 years and remainied a formidable intellectual figure until the middle of the 20th century.

In the first trial the prosecution (Wilde) dropped the case when the defense (Queensberry) threatened to produce some of the seedy young men that Wilde had been with. Immediately afterwards, however, he was arrested on a charge of "gross indecency." Given enough time before the trial began to escape the country, Wilde stubbornly remained to fight, and the second trial ended with a hung jury. Finally, after being tried for a third time, Wilde was convicted and sentenced to two years hard labor.

During his incarceration he penned a 50,000-word letter to Lord Alfred Douglas, an expurgated version of which was published after Wilde's death with the title "De Profundis." Playwright Kaufman uses a number of moving quotes from this work in his play, as well as including Wilde's tender explanation of "the love that dare not speak its name."

Although "Gross Indecency" is an intensely engrossing play, it is a tad too long and more than a trifle repetitious. Many of the points that Wilde makes to justify his "artistic and aesthetic temperament" are made so many times that it almost becomes a case of "Methinks the gentleman doth protest too much."

Further, director Susan Lee provides the most minimalist of sets: boxes that the nine performers mount to deliver their speeches. Each player delivers the lines of many different characters, without reference to whether the character is a man or a woman, and another mounted player then announces the source of the quotation. The players are mostly undifferentiated, except for Wilde, who is brilliantly performed by Kerr Seth Lordygan, and Lord Alfred Douglas (Joshua Grant), who really looks the part, ruby red lips and all.

In truth, Wilde — and Douglas especially — were not the sterling characters that Kaufman makes them out to be. Nevertheless, Wilde's story is gripping and sad and "Gross Indecency" is worth seeing. It will run Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. through Oct. 11 at The Eclectic Company Theatre, 5312 Laurel Canyon Blvd. in North Hollywood. Call (818) 508-3003 for reservations.

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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 70°

Swell Forecast

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Long Range Synopsis

NW swell is expected to increase, bringing chest to head high sets to most west facing breaks, mostly from 290° with 13-second periods.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / ns

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	F	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	C	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
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LEGEND

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1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00

Beyond a Reasonable Doubt (PG-13) 1hr 45min
2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10

Halloween II (2009) (R) 1hr 41min
2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20

Shorts (PG) 1hr 29min
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Ponyo (Gake no ue no Ponyo) (G) 1hr 40min
1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30

The Time Traveler's Wife (PG-13) 1hr 48min
2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50

Julie and Julia (PG-13) 2hrs 3min
1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05

Gamer (R) 1hr 35min
12:40, 2:55, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00

9 (PG-13) 1hr 19min
1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45

September Issue (PG-13) 1hr 30min
12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:00, 9:20

Whiteout (R) 1hr 46min
12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10

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Extract (R) 1hr 30min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

(500) Days of Summer (PG-13) 1hr 35min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45

The Hurt Locker (R) 2hr 10min
4:10, 9:50

In the Loop (NR) 1hr 46min
1:30, 7:10

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1:00, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

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The Final Destination 3D (R) 1hr 22min
12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 6:40, 9:10

Inglourious Basterds (R) 2hrs 32min
12:00, 3:30, 6:50, 10:10

District 9 (R) 1hr 53min
1:00, 4:05, 7:00, 9:50

All About Steve (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:40am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

Sorority Row (R) 1hr 40min
11:50am, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All by Myself (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:30am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20

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Make it easy, Gemini

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Accomplishment needs to be your middle name as you deal with different pressures and realities. Your high energy, drive and commitment come out, time after time. Avoid a power play by stepping back and understanding what is happening. You might not make sense to others, but you grasp the situation. Tonight: Put your feet up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your creativity allows greater give-and-take. You could use a jolt to grow past an issue. How you handle this hurdle among others defines you. Guard yourself from overworking a situation, and come to terms with the status quo. Tonight: Let your imagination play out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Pressure builds. You can either live in this tension-laden whirlpool or you can back off and detach. Don't step into a problem or create a hassle. The less said at the moment the better. Tonight: Make it easy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Communication sizzles, and you gain more insight. An unanticipated change of plans could have you regrouping and considering your options. A partner doesn't want to hear your thoughts. Bite the bullet and accept responsibility. Tonight: Resist overtalking.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have the power and energy to create a different type of financial or business partnership. You might be a little too focused on what is yours, and not on the common good. Avoid power plays and control games by walking away from them. Tonight: Pay your bills, then decide on plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You experience your dynamic strength. Even if the unexpected makes ripples in your morning, your strength, endurance and focus prevent you from dropping the ball. Tonight: Only what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You need to get behind an issue. You could be stunned by recent events. Pressure builds to a new level from family, a personal investment and an obsessive tendency of a family member (perhaps even you). You could worry and overthink things. Tonight: Take some personal time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Emphasize the positives, not the negatives, of a perpetually changing and sometimes shocking situation. Odd enough, your creativity excels with instability and when you are forced to seek solutions. Update your communication style if you aren't getting through to others. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Listen to a higher-up and understand where he or she is coming from. Upheaval surrounds your home base and what you deem as secure. It could be stunning to find out otherwise. Tonight: Working late?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You are changing, and others might be feeling insecure. If someone challenges you, be understanding. How you react could determine the future of this tie. Let go of a need to control others, and simply flow. Tonight: Break past rigid thinking.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ One-on-one relating could take you through some surprising moments. As a reaction, you might want to run for the hills. Do a better job of listening. A sense of heaviness marks a relationship. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You are unusually perky and full of life. Your way of looking at a problem could change radically as a result of someone's strong attitude. You might need to settle in and discuss what you both want. Tonight: Sort through your options.

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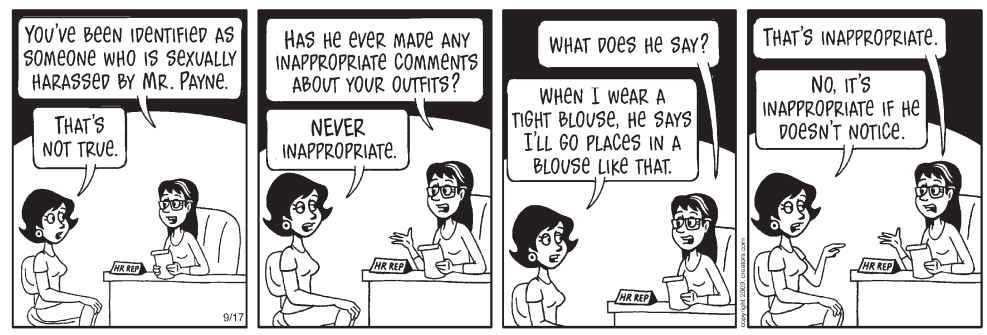
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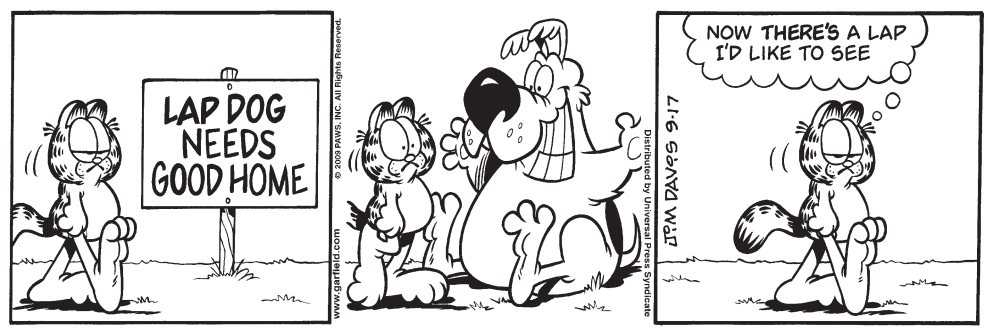
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Difficulty Level ★★★

	5	8	9			7		
1					2			8
					3			6
					8		9	
		3		4		5		
	2		6					
4			2					
8			3					7
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

5	3	9	7	6	4	1	8	2
8	6	1	3	2	5	4	7	9
4	7	2	1	9	8	3	6	5
9	8	6	4	1	3	5	2	7
2	1	7	5	8	6	9	4	3
3	5	4	9	7	2	6	1	8
7	2	3	6	5	1	8	9	4
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ACROSS

1 Rooster topper
5 Band
10 Rap sheet item
12 Slow passage
13 Ship of 1492
14 In — (in trouble)
15 Second person
16 Bureaucracy
18 Very popular
20 Sewing aid
21 Med. sch. subject
23 Put away
24 Warble
26 Caution
28 Snapshot
29 Start of an idea
31 Pub pints
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36 Colonist's foe
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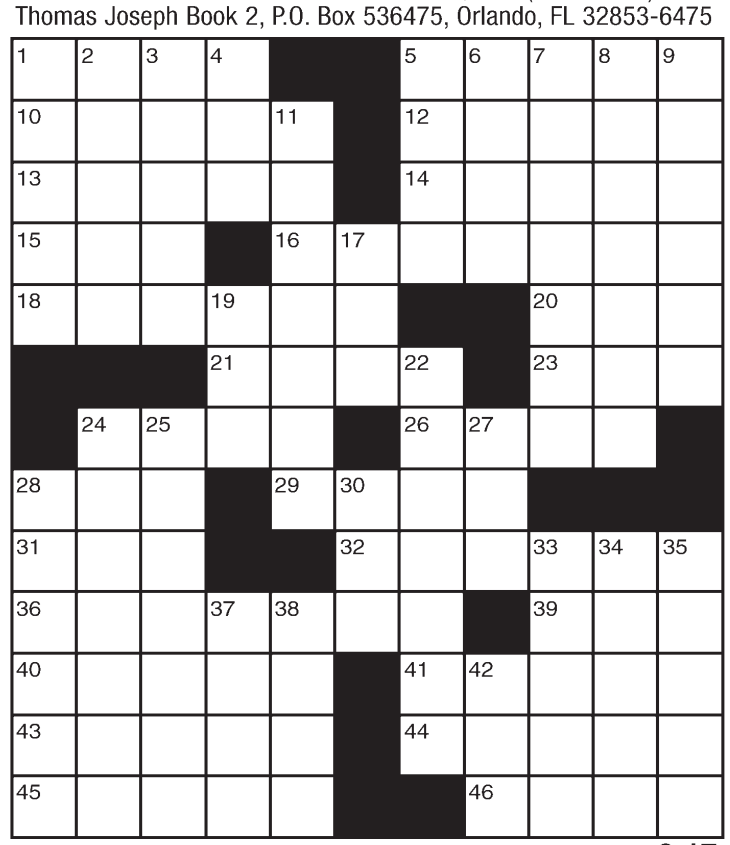
DOWN

1 Heist
2 Popeye's love
3 Searched for a vein
4 Cave resident
5 Delighted
6 Take it easy
7 In theory
8 Perfect
9 Packing a punch
11 Wrapped garments
17 Pilot's guess: Abbr.
19 Role for Harrison
22 Small loud-speaker
24 Library request
25 Summer cooler
27 Annex
28 Parson's command
30 Pitcher's stat
33 Positive-thinking
34 Spring sign
35 Jury members
37 Minimal change
38 Refinery rocks
42 Chest protector

V	O	W	E	L	S	■	S	C	A	M
I	N	A	R	U	T	■	P	O	L	O
M	O	N	I	C	A	■	I	L	L	S
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BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In August, Democrat Michael Heagerty failed by one name to meet the ballot requirements to run for re-election to the city council in Syracuse, N.Y. He was credited with 334 of the 335 necessary signatures, but realized too late that he had forgotten to list his own name. (He said he would run for re-election, anyway, as an independent.)

■ Danny Brawner, 46, was indicted in Albuquerque, N.M., in August for aggravated indecent exposure. A police officer and his 10-year-old son had seen Brawner with his pants down around his ankles, performing simulated sexual intercourse against the trunk of his car. The officer also said Brawner was shouting and swinging his arms, as if enjoying the real thing.

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1776 The Presidio of San Francisco is founded in New Spain.

1778 The Treaty of Fort Pitt is signed. It is the first formal treaty between the United States and a Native American tribe (the Lenape or Delaware Indians).

1787 The United States Constitution is signed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

1809 Peace between Sweden and Russia in the Finnish War. The territory to become Finland is ceded to Russia by the Treaty of Fredrikshamn.

1814 Francis Scott Key finishes his poem The Star-Spangled Banner.

1859 Joshua A. Norton declares himself Emperor Norton I of the United States.

1862 American Civil War: George B. McClellan halts the northward drive of Robert E. Lee's Confederate army in the single-day Battle of Antietam, the bloodiest day in American history.

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First Eight Months of 2008 compared to First Eight Months of 2009

Santa Monica Single Family Homes

Santa Monica Canyon

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 8-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 8-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	7	13	86%
Average Days on the Market	98	49	-50%
Lowest Price	$1,487,000	$875,000	-41%
Median Price	$2,350,000	$1,615,000	-31%
Highest Price	$4,200,000	$3,683,000	-12%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$861	$876	2%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	97%	94%	-4%

North of Montana

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 8-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 8-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	48	30	-38%
Average Days on the Market	52	77	48%
Lowest Price	$1,575,000	$1,400,000	-11%
Median Price	$2,920,325	$2,325,000	-20%
Highest Price	$4,475,000	$4,500,000	1%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$907	$814	-10%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	97%	92%	-5%

Between Wilshire and Montana

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 8-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 8-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	17	15	-12%
Average Days on the Market	56	82	46%
Lowest Price	$400,000	$1,027,125	157%
Median Price	$2,011,000	$1,500,000	-25%
Highest Price	$3,000,000	$2,800,000	-7%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$829	$684	-17%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	97%	94%	-3%

South of Wilshire

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 8-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 8-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	7	2	-71%
Average Days on the Market	38	134	253%
Lowest Price	$699,000	$659,500	-6%
Median Price	$940,000	$699,250	-26%
Highest Price	$1,250,000	$739,000	-41%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$515	$758	47%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	98%	93%	-5%

Sunset Park

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 8-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 8-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	22	17	-23%
Average Days on the Market	58	74	28%
Lowest Price	$780,000	$675,000	-13%
Median Price	$1,120,000	$920,000	-18%
Highest Price	$2,520,000	$1,875,000	-26%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$664	$579	-13%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	93%	93%	0%

Ocean Park

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 8-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 8-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	12	11	-8%
Average Days on the Market	166	58	-65%
Lowest Price	$615,000	$750,000	22%
Median Price	$1,025,000	$1,175,000	15%
Highest Price	$2,225,000	$2,775,000	25%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$892	$768	-14%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	93%	97%	4%

Santa Monica Condo's & Townhomes

Santa Monica Canyon

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 8-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 8-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	1	3	200%
Average Days on the Market	230	51	-78%
Lowest Price	$1,150,000	$1,014,000	-12%
Median Price	$1,150,000	$1,475,000	28%
Highest Price	$1,150,000	$5,100,000	343%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$824	$1,304	58%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	96%	93%	-3%

North of Montana

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 8-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 8-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	25	12	-52%
Average Days on the Market	70	102	46%
Lowest Price	$465,000	$630,000	35%
Median Price	$1,295,000	$1,225,000	-5%
Highest Price	$5,800,000	$3,175,000	-45%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$921	$891	-3%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	90%	91%	1%

Between Wilshire and Montana

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 8-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 8-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	79	88	11%
Average Days on the Market	58	52	-10%
Lowest Price	$399,000	$280,000	-30%
Median Price	$747,500	$703,625	-6%
Highest Price	$4,170,000	$1,799,000	-57%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$642	$571	-11%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	97%	97%	0%

South of Wilshire

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 8-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 8-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	60	56	-7%
Average Days on the Market	85	84	-1%
Lowest Price	$330,000	$156,126	-53%
Median Price	$610,000	$547,500	-10%
Highest Price	$1,040,000	$945,000	-9%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$522	$452	-13%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	96%	96%	0%

Sunset Park

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 8-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 8-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	22	12	-45%
Average Days on the Market	69	58	-16%
Lowest Price	$345,000	$445,000	29%
Median Price	$752,500	$564,000	-25%
Highest Price	$1,199,000	$975,000	-19%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$481	$401	-17%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	97%	98%	1%

Ocean Park

	previous period 1-1-08 thru 8-31-08	current period 1-1-09 thru 8-31-09	% change
Number of Sales	35	37	6%
Average Days on the Market	108	53	-51%
Lowest Price	$375,000	$280,000	-25%
Median Price	$675,000	$740,000	10%
Highest Price	$1,750,000	$1,200,000	-31%
Average Price Per Square Foot	$707	$617	-13%
Average Sale Price / Average List Price	97%	97%	0%

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