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Samohi grad joins 'Saturday Night Live' cast

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It's not often that a high school produces multiple members of an iconic television show, but Samohi has made that list this month.

When "Saturday Night Live" begins Season 50 on Sept. 28, the blue and gold will be well-represented, as Samohi Class of 2017 graduate Jane Wickline has joined the cast as a featured player.

Making the roster alongside Ashley Padilla and Emil Wakim, Wickline now has the chance to rub shoulders with comedy heavyweights like Kenan Thompson and Heidi Gardner. Samohi's ties to SNL date back to the 1980s, when Robert Downey Jr. attended the school for a little while before dropping out in 1982. Three years later, the future "Avengers" star had a stint on the sketch show.

Wickline will look to make her own legacy on SNL something she has already done in the social media world, gaining nearly a million followers on the TikTok app and contributing to the app's live comedy show "Stapleview."

Before she was a social sensation or small screen star, however, she was an active member of the Samohi community. Wickline performed at a high level in the band program, playing the rare combination of jazz trumpet and piano, something SMMUSD Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator Tom Whaley had never seen up to that point.

"(She was a) very quiet, very cerebral kind of kid, not someone that was extroverted or someone you would think would be on a 'Saturday Night Live' cast," Whaley said. "But I think she was very intelligent, and she was quite an accomplished jazz piano player and trumpet player."

Playing in the advanced Jazz Big Band and the advanced Jazz Combo for those instruments, Wickline also showed her talents in the

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SNL: Samohi alum Jane Wickline has joined the iconic "Saturday Night Live" for its 50th season.

Fundraising campaign continues for salon owner's cancer battle

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Tracy Young has been providing luxurious hair to Santa Monica for decades, and the community has responded to provide for the beloved business owner.

Young, who owns the Oceana Salon within The Shores apartment building, was recently diagnosed with Stage 3 lung cancer, forced to have a third of her lung removed and take on four months of chemotherapy treatment. Now scheduled for an intensive radiation treatment and immunotherapy, Young's close friends have set up a GoFundMe page to aid with living expenses.

The GoFundMe campaign has

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Courtesy Photo

FUNDRAISER: A fundraising campaign is underway to help Oceana Salon owner Tracy Young, who is currently fighting Stage 3 lung cancer.

Boba brand brings high-quality tea to Promenade

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Soda and Coca-Cola, coffee and Starbucks, hamburgers and McDonald's. When you think of a food or beverage item, an associated brand usually comes to mind. But what is the go-to name in boba tea?

Nobody seems to know the answer, leaving a tremendous tea market opportunity for Odd One Out, which opened its central kiosk in late August at 1260 3rd Street Promenade. Boba, or bubble tea, is made by blending tea with milk and fruit, then adding in the tapioca boba "pearls." Originally concocted in 1980s Taiwan, the country is still bubbling with excitement over the product today, leading to Ronald

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TEA: Odd One Out brings boba products to the Promenade, including the award-winning Champion Milk Tea.

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California's Constitution doesn't recognize marriage equality. Prop. 3 would fix that

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RIGHTS: Gay rights advocates John Lewis, left, and his spouse Stuart Gaffney, with the group Marriage Equality USA, kiss across the street from City Hall in San Francisco in 2015, following a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that same-sex couples have the right to marry nationwide.

California has long been lauded — and criticized — for its progressivism, but when it comes to marriage equality, the state has a rather complicated history. If passed this November, Proposition 3 would decisively end the decades-long battle for recognizing same-sex marriage in California.

Despite being federally legal since the 2015 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Obergefell v. Hodges, California's Constitution still bars marriages between same-sex couples. Prop. 3 would formally repeal this so-called zombie law and further articulate in the Constitution that "the right to marry is a fundamental right."

While the measure will not necessarily change anything for LGBTQ+ Californians, it provides strong legal protections for same-sex couples, which Justice Clarence Thomas said the Supreme Court "should reconsider."

The constitutional change would also demonstrate California's broader support for the LGBTQ+ community, which in recent years has faced a conservative backlash seeking anti-transgender legislation, book bans and forced-outing policies in schools.

Shannon Minter, the legal director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights and a lawyer who argued in court against California's most recent campaigns to restrict marriage rights, Proposition 22 and Proposition 8, believes that the amendment is necessary to protect not only marriage equality but the foundations of our republic.

"Equal protection is essential to having a democratic form of government. If everyone's not equal under the law, then you don't have a democracy," Minter said.

Californians have voted twice to reject civil rights protections for LGBTQ+ people over the last 20-plus years, but even decades before those debates, there was a fight over allowing gay and lesbian teachers in California schools — a record that, taken altogether, contradicts the state's progressive self-image.

In 1978, Republican state lawmaker John Briggs championed Proposition 6 — commonly known as the Briggs Initiative — which would have required schools to fire teachers if a school board determined that they engaged in "homosexual activity" or "homosexual conduct." LGBTQ+ Californians mobilized a massive grassroots campaign, aided in part by queer residents revealing their sexual orientation to loved ones and neighbors in huge numbers, demonstrating their widespread existence in public life.

The movement was ultimately about showing the humanity of LGBTQ+ people, and it was successful: Prop. 6 was defeated at the ballot box. But the battle over marriage equality was just beginning.

Californians first rejected the notion of same-sex marriage in 2000 when voters approved Prop. 22, which legally defined marriage as between a man and woman. After years of battles in the legislature and the courts, the California Supreme Court struck it down in 2008, permitting marriages of same-sex couples.

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OPINION **UNMUTED**

Devan Sipher

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Doing Better

The Santa Monica City Council didn't attempt to break any laws last Tuesday, which is an improvement over their previous meeting. To their credit, the Councilmembers were civil and coherent while discussing complicated topics. Now comes the hard part. Can they compromise? And can the rest of us?

"We have to do better," said Mayor Phil Brock, referring to the Council, but in truth he could have been referring to all of us – in Santa Monica and across the country. – since it was also last Tuesday that Donald Trump warned of hordes of immigrants coming to eat our pets. The problem isn't that a former President regurgitated xenophobic libel. The problem is how many people are willing to believe odious things about the people they fear.

Donald Trump is far from the first politician to scapegoat foreigners in order to distract citizens. For centuries, European kings led their subjects on crusades to the Middle East by convincing them that their hunger, illness and poverty was caused by people living halfway across the planet. So it's not surprising that even in a blue city in a blue state, it's easy to divide into factions and lash out at a generic "they."

They want homeless drug addicts to destroy your property and take over your parks. They want to rip blankets out of the hands of vulnerable unhoused people.

It's not just about having a difference of opinion when your opponent is a threat to civilized existence. Is this the kind of political quagmire we desire in Santa Monica? Because in an election year, the Councilmembers would never say such things unless they believed that we were eager to hear them.

They may be our elected leaders, but they follow our lead. Do we want them to find solutions or do we prefer for them to voice outrage and provide us with political punching bags? We may want to believe the answer to that is obvious, especially those of us who lament the hyperpartisanship in our nation, but isn't there sometimes a vicarious thrill when your team knocks the other team down a peg?

We have to resist the dopamine hit from our newsfeeds and the tempting allure of easy answers to complex problems. There aren't any easy answers, and we won't all come to the same conclusions. We can try to convince those who disagree with us that they're wrong, unless there's too many of them, in which case we reach a stalemate. Right now we're pretty close to a stalemate. We all get to feel good about the righteousness of our beliefs, while the Promenade is 40% vacant and mentally ill people wander our streets and inhabit our parks.

Exhibit A is the vote last week by four Councilmembers to add those previously referenced blankets to the list of items considered signs of public camping. The other three Councilmembers (Davis, Torosis and Zwick) expressed their moral objections on the basis that this could result in arrests for the non-criminal act of being homeless, and that's certainly possible. However, it's worth noting that this proposed "change" is actually a return to the previous wording of the city law as it existed for nearly two decades.

It's possible this measure will merely assuage reactionary voices, but it's also possible that it will aid an unhoused population with documented reluctance to seeking assistance. The three SMRR Councilmembers are well aware that the STEP Court (Shelter, Treatment and Empowerment Program), which offers drug treatment instead of jail time, has been one of the city's most successful efforts because it includes both a carrot and a stick. So it would seem that despite their admirable concerns, they missed an opportunity to show a willingness to productively compromise.

Unfortunately, they're not alone. At the previous Council meeting, it was the Change Slate Councilmembers who preferred moral indignation to negotiation on the topic of affordable housing.

More than two dozen residents showed up to protest plans to convert four properties in Mid-City to permanent housing for currently unhoused people. Councilmembers de la Torre, Parra and Negrete proposed making the properties affordable senior housing instead, and amazingly a compromise was reached to develop only three of the properties for affordable housing, two for seniors and one for families. However, all three Change Slate Councilmembers voted against the agreement, which means two of them voted against what they wanted! Since the item was discussed in closed session, we don't know exactly what transpired, but it certainly looks like they didn't want their supporters to believe they would settle for anything less than 100% of their demands.

Instead of leadership we get posturing, and success is defined as complete capitulation by the opposing side. But our officeholders are only reflecting back to us what they believe we want. Is it? If not, the good news for us is that Election Day is a great time to let them know. And the good news for the Councilmembers is that there's still almost 50 days left for them to take action. They can continue to lock horns and hope their intransigence buys them votes (and campaign contributions) or they can roll up their sleeves and do the hard work. They talk a lot about their compassion and their determination, but talk is cheap. We have to do better.

Devan Sipher



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **68.9**

TUESDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: Knee to thigh 1-2FT

S swell lingers as NW windswell is due to hold. Fresh SW swell creeping up. Morning winds look light but mind the mid AM high tide.

WEDNESDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Little more SW swell in the mix. NW windswell energy lingers. Favorable early morning winds and tide push.

Weather

Tuesday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 66.
Tuesday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 57. West southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.
Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 65. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.
Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of rain, mainly after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

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2024/09/18	Wed	03:53 AM	-0.26	L
2024/09/18	Wed	10:03 AM	5.84	H
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2024/09/18	Wed	10:15 PM	5.89	H
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Man accused of trying to kill Trump wrote a book urging Iran to assassinate the ex-president

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Ryan Wesley Routh portrayed himself online as a man who built housing for homeless people in Hawaii, tried to recruit fighters for Ukraine to defend itself against Russia, and described his support and then disdain for Donald Trump — even urging Iran to kill him.

"You are free to assassinate Trump," Routh wrote of Iran in an apparently self-published book in 2023, "Ukraine's Unwinnable War," which described the former president as a "fool" and "buffoon" for both the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot and the "tremendous blunder" of leaving the Iran nuclear deal.

Routh wrote that he once voted for Trump and must take part of the blame for the "child that we elected for our next president that ended up being brainless."

Routh, 58, was arrested Sunday and charged Monday after authorities say he stalked the GOP presidential nominee as he golfed in West Palm Beach, Florida, with an AK-47-style rifle in an apparent assassination attempt thwarted by the Secret Service.

Through his voluminous online footprint, public records, news interviews and videos, a picture emerged of Routh as a man with a criminal past, plenty of outrage and views ranging from the left to the right, including support for Bernie Sanders, Tulsi Gabbard, Nikki Haley and Trump.

Voter records show he registered as an unaffiliated voter in North Carolina in 2012, most recently voting in person during the state's Democratic primary in March.

Routh also made 19 small donations totaling $140 since 2019 to ActBlue, a political action committee that supports Democratic candidates, according to federal campaign finance records.

In a tweet in June 2020, after the police killing of George Floyd, Routh said then-President Trump could win reelection by issuing an executive order to prosecute police misconduct. However, in recent years, his posts appear to have soured on Trump, and he expressed support for President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic presidential nominee.

"DEMOCRACY is on the ballot and we cannot lose," he wrote on X in April in support of Biden.

In July, following the assassination attempt on Trump at a rally in Pennsylvania, a post on Routh's account urged Biden and Harris to visit those wounded in the shooting and attend the funeral of the firefighter who was killed.

"Trump will never do anything for them," Routh wrote.

In his book, listed on Amazon and viewed by the AP, Routh noted: "I get so tired of people asking me if I am a Democrat or Republican as I refuse to be put in a category."

The world would be better it were run by women, he wrote in the book that has links to his website and X account, because "it seems that the totality of the world's problems revolve around men with massive insecurity and childlike intelligence and behavior."

He posted frequently on social media about Ukraine and other conflicts, and he had a website seeking to raise money and recruit volunteers to fight for Kyiv. A photo of the wiry, wild-haired Routh on his site shows him smiling, wearing a T-shirt and jacket adorned with U.S. flags.

"This is about good versus evil," Routh said in a video circulating online. And in a tweet, he said, "I am going to fight and die for Ukraine."

Video shot by the AP showed Routh at a small demonstration in Kyiv's Independence Square in April 2022, two months after Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered an invasion of the country.

A placard he was holding said: "We cannot tolerate corruption and evil for another 50+ years. End Russia for our kids."

That same day, he also visited a makeshift memorial to "Foreigners killed by Putin."

But Routh never served in the Ukrainian army or worked with its military, said Oleksandr Shahuri of the Foreigners Coordination Department of the Ukrainian Ground Forces Command.

Shahuri told AP that Routh periodically contacted the International Legion of Ukraine with what he described as "nonsensical ideas" that "can best be described as delusional."

Routh appeared in a video standing in front of the U.S. Capitol and expressing frustration that Ukraine wasn't taking more of the Afghan commandos he tried to recruit.

"They're afraid that anybody and everybody is a Russian spy," he told news website Semafor in 2023.

Earlier this year, he even tweeted at singers Bruno Mars and Dave Matthews to organize a "We are the World"-style effort for Kyiv. "We need an emotional tribute song for Ukraine as support stalls," he wrote. "I have lyrics and music."

Routh also tweeted to former basketball star Dennis Rodman, asking for help lifting sanctions against North Korea to ease tension with the country. In another, he invites a dozen protesters in Hong Kong to stay at his Hawaii home to escape a Chinese crackdown.

Routh lived most of his life in Greensboro, North Carolina, where his run-ins with law enforcement included a 2002 felony conviction for reportedly possessing "a fully automatic machine gun." While court records don't give details about the case, the Greensboro News & Record reported the arrest came after Routh ran from a traffic stop and held off police for three hours with the weapon at a roofing business. State records listed him as the business owner.

Records also show Routh was convicted of a felony count of possession of stolen goods in 2010, as well as misdemeanors including illegally carrying a concealed weapon, a hit-and-run, speeding and driving with a revoked license.

Court records from the 2010 felony case say detectives determined Routh was storing stolen building supplies and other items at his roofing business warehouse, where he was living at the time. Money from the sale of the stolen goods was used to purchase crack cocaine, according to a police affidavit used to get a search warrant.

In both the felony cases, court records show judges sentenced Routh to either probation or a suspended sentence, allowing him to escape prison time.

It was not immediately clear how Routh was able to obtain a weapon. In most states, it is generally forbidden for a person convicted of a felony to purchase or possess a firearm.

In 2018, Routh moved to the small town of Kaaawa, Hawaii, about 45 minutes outside Honolulu, to go in business with his adult son building small wooden sheds. According to his LinkedIn page, the structures would "help address the highest homelessness rate in the United States due to unparalleled gentrification."

"All of us are tired of seeing the homeless people all over the island with nowhere to go," he told Honolulu's Star-Advertiser in 2019.

No one answered the door Sunday at his blue stucco house near the beach that is colorfully painted with wooden cutouts of fish. A white pickup truck with a Biden-Harris bumper sticker and a flat tire was in the driveway.

Neighbor Christopher Tam said Routh kept to himself and was respectful, cordial and kind.

"It's just been very surprising," Tam said. "If he did have anything to do with it, it's very shocking to us."

Biesecker reported from Washington and Condon and Sisak reported from New York. AP writers Alanna Durkin Richer, Michael Balsamo, Colleen Long and Eric Tucker in Washington, Hanna Arhirova in Kyiv, Ukraine, and Gary D. Robertson in Raleigh, North Carolina, contributed. Researcher Rhonda Shafner in New York also contributed.

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TikTok and the U.S. face off in court over law that could lead to a ban on the popular platform

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TikTok faced off with the U.S. government in federal court on Monday, arguing a law that could ban the platform in a few short months was unconstitutional while the Justice Department said the measure is critical to eliminate a national security risk posed by the popular social media company.

Attorneys for the two sides - and content creators - appeared before a panel of three judges at a federal appeals court in Washington, where TikTok and its China-based parent company, ByteDance, are challenging the law that is forcing them to break ties by mid-January or lose one of their biggest markets in the world.

Andrew Pincus, a veteran attorney representing the two companies, argued in court that the law unfairly targets the company and runs afoul of the First Amendment because TikTok Inc. - the U.S. arm of TikTok - is an American entity. Another attorney representing creators who are also challenging the law also argued it violates the rights of U.S. speakers and is akin to prohibiting Americans from publishing on foreign-owned media outlets, such as Politico, Al Jazeera or Spotify.

"The law before this court is unprecedented and its effect would be staggering," Pincus said, adding the act would impose speech limitations based on future risks.

The law, signed by President Joe Biden in April, was the culmination of a years-long saga in Washington over the short-form video-sharing app, which the government sees as a national security threat due to its connections to China.

The U.S. has said it's concerned about TikTok collecting vast swaths of user data, including sensitive information on viewing habits, that could fall into the hands of the Chinese government through coercion. The U.S. also says the proprietary algorithm that fuels what users see on the app is vulnerable to manipulation by Chinese authorities, who can use it to shape content on the platform in a way that's difficult to detect.

Daniel Tenny, an attorney for the Justice Department, argued in court that data collection is useful for many companies for commercial purposes, such as target advertisements or tailoring videos to users' interests.

"The problem is that same data is extremely valuable to a foreign adversary trying to compromise the security of the United States," he said.

Pincus, the attorney for TikTok, said Congress should have aired on the side of disclosing any potential propaganda on the platform instead of pursuing a divesture-or-ban approach, which the two companies have maintained will only lead to a ban. He also said statements from lawmakers before the law was passed show they were motivated by the propaganda they perceived to be on TikTok, namely an imbalance between pro-Palestinian and pro-Israel content on the platform during the war in Gaza.

But the panel - composed of two Republican and one Democrat appointed judges - expressed some skepticism, pressing the attorneys on TikTok's side if they believe the government has any leeway to curtail an influential media company controlled by a foreign entity in an adversarial nation. The judges also asked if the arguments presented would apply in cases where the U.S. is engaged in war.

Judge Neomi Rao, who was appointed by former President Donald Trump, said the creators suing over the law could continue speaking on TikTok if the company is sold or if they choose to post content on other platforms. But Jeffrey Fisher, their attorney, pushed back, arguing there are not "interchangeable mediums" for them because TikTok is unique in its look and feel, and the types of audiences it allows creators to reach.

In the second half of the hearing, the panel also pressed the Justice Department on First Amendment challenges to the law.

Judge Sri Srinivasan, who was appointed by former President Barack Obama, said efforts to stem content manipulation through government action does set off alarm bells and impact people who receive speech on TikTok. Tenny, the attorney for the DOJ, responded by saying the law doesn't target TikTok users or creators and that any impact on them is only indirect.

For its part, TikTok has repeatedly said it does not share U.S. user data with the Chinese government and that concerns the government has raised have never been substantiated. In their lawsuit, TikTok and ByteDance have also claimed divestment is not possible. And even if it was, they say TikTok would be reduced to a shell of its former self because it would be stripped of the technology that powers it.

Though the government's primary reasoning for the law is public, significant portions of its court filings include classified information that has been redacted and hidden from public view.

In one of the redacted statements submitted in late July, the Justice Department claimed TikTok took direction from the Chinese government about content on its platform, without disclosing additional details about when or why those incidents occurred. Casey Blackburn, a senior U.S. intelligence official, wrote in a legal statement that ByteDance and TikTok "have taken action in response" to Chinese government demands "to censor content outside of China." Though the intelligence community had "no information" that this has happened on the platform operated by TikTok in the U.S., Blackburn said there is a risk it "may" occur.

The U.S. has said it's not required to wait until something detrimental happens before responding to the threat, but the companies have argued the government could have taken a more tailored approach to resolve its concerns.

During high-stakes negotiations with the Biden administration more than two years ago, TikTok presented the government with a draft 90-page agreement that allows a third party to monitor the platform's algorithm, content moderation practices and other programming. TikTok says it has spent more

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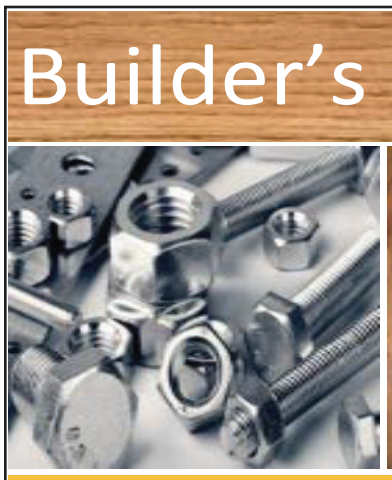
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TEA

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Chan and Patrick Sun opening Odd One Out in 2022.

The duo opened in Taipei, Taiwan before expanding to Los Angeles in 2023 with a Sawtelle spot, noted for its hotspot eateries and Asian cuisine focus. Stating there's a "big boba tea culture" in LA, the team set their sights on Santa Monica as a true flagship location.

"There's very few places in the world that's more iconic than here, and if we're going to be a lifestyle brand," Chan said of the Promenade. "If we want to put our name here, there's no better place. It also caters to people from all over the world. Locals, all different ethnicities, people traveling, so they can try it out and (we) get feedback."

The idea gestated during the COVID-19 pandemic, which Chan said was a "tough time for everybody," but himself and Sun were able to make it "a little blessing" via the spirit of competition. With bars and clubs closed down, the two were able to award mixologist's talents via a MasterChef-like competition for the best boba tea-inspired drinks. Some of the recipes brought to the table have stayed alive on the current menu, including the Juniper Bliss, a Red Oolong tea infused with juniper berries and dry mangoes.

Having the elongated pandemic period to craft its brand, Odd One Out had the intention of going global from day one, setting itself apart with its commitment to top-level ingredients. Chan explained that the store uses tea leaves from small farms in Taiwan, as opposed to competitors who use generic distributors with leaves masked with sugar or creamers. The menu also takes advantage of the Oolong, a diverse tea family with over 100 types, something many American consumers have yet to discover.







Thomas Leffler

TEA: Odd One Out, helmed by Ronald Chan (upper right), is already making a name for itself on the Third Street Promenade with its tea and gelato offerings.

Also specializing in organic milks for its boba drinks, the menu is customized in its "Teapresso" machine, looking much like its espresso namesake. One highlight is the Champion Milk Tea, named after its victory in the flavor milk tea category at the 2022 Taiwan Milk Tea Festival.

"When a customer does order a tea drink, then we brew them a fresh tea using our high quality tea leaves, and then we shake them up, and all the teas are unique in terms of the flavor profile and the balancing of the flavors (and) handcrafted syrups," Chan said. "That's what makes this a little different from the other players."

Setting itself apart from other Odd One Out locations is the Santa Monica-exclusive gelato menu, using unique flavor combinations like Earl Grey Tea and lemongrass and watermelon with fresh basil. For those still on the coffee side of things, the store also carries an organic espresso selection.

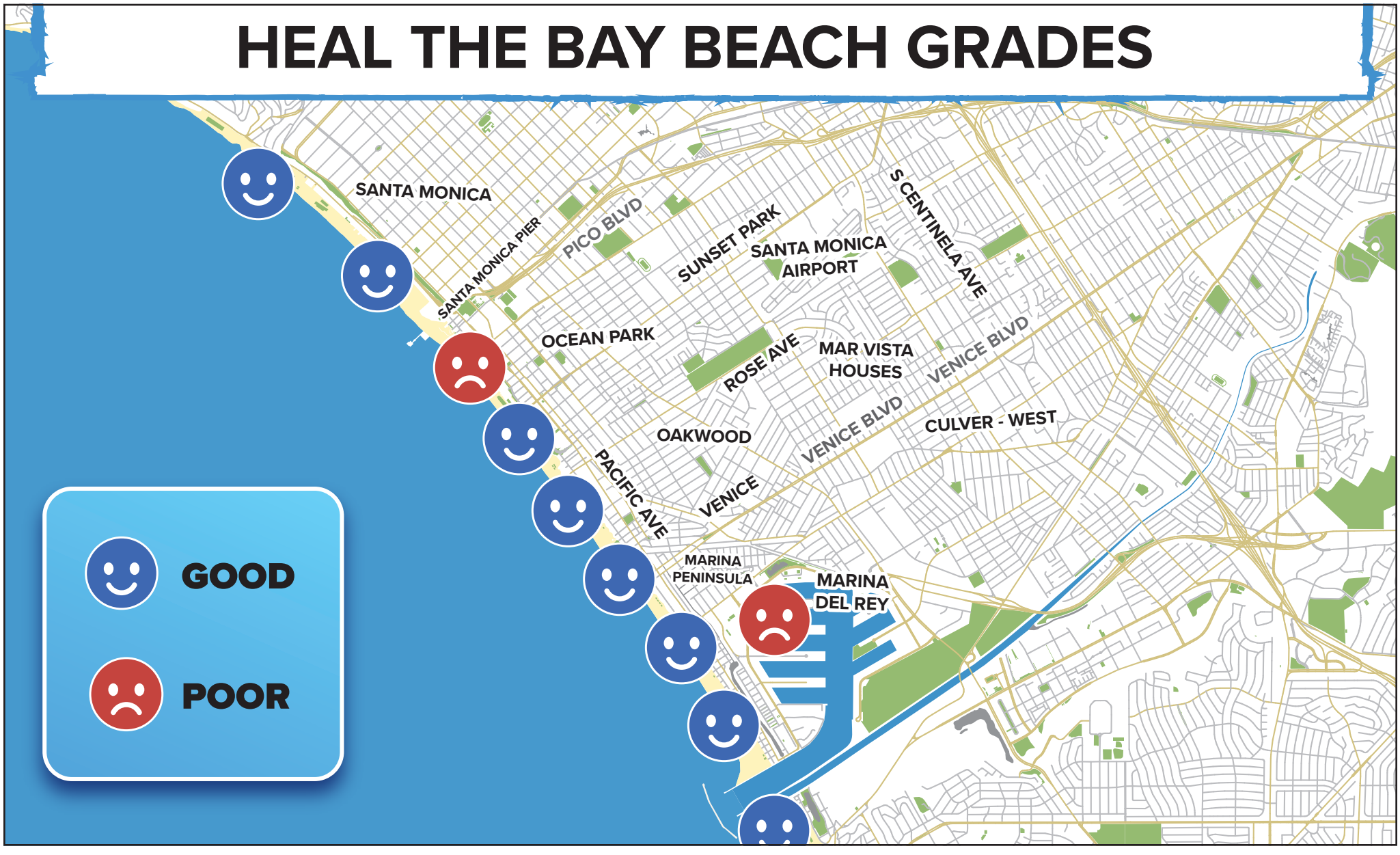
Every move Odd One Out has made in its brief history is geared toward what Chan calls a "lifestyle brand," a push to associate the store's name with the boba tea product. He stated that the Promenade atmosphere with bright orange color and lo-fi music is akin to a brand like Blue Bottle Coffee, where customers "understand" the exact experience they're paying for.

The Promenade pick is part of a push for the shopping hub, which has added businesses like MINISO, Barnes & Noble and Yogurtland in recent months.

"People here, the residents here, have been amazing, (and) the local workers around here have been super supportive ... Third Street Santa Monica itself, we know that it's been hit throughout the COVID period, but I do see that it is recovering," Chan said.

To view the entire Odd One Out menu, visit ootea.world.

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SNL

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Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra. Her family was also in tow, helping the Jazz Combo receive event bookings and "always trying to help out whenever possible."

One of the highlights of Wickline's Samohi career was a chance to play right next to Arturo Sandoval, one of the world's great jazz trumpet experts. Playing a Latin chart with the legend, Whaley could tell how much the moment meant to her.

"I (could) see by her face, she's just freaking out, like 'I'm standing next to Arturo Sandoval, I'm playing next to him in the band!,'" Whaley said.

Like Whaley, Samohi English teacher and former The Samohi newspaper advisor Kathleen Faas also saw Wickline as a lowkey-yet-dedicated student. Wickline served as the student paper's news editor her senior year, walking her fellow students through the process of story ideas to full-fledged paper, while also dealing with paper layout via InDesign.

Faas recalled her former student's humor as "deadpan," something other students may not have picked up on, but the advisor appreciated. While Wickline picked up heavier news items during her time at The Samohi, she also delved into humor, including an April Fools' article about a Samohi student desperate for someone to ask him about his high ACT score.

"I think (she'll bring) a kind of quirkiness (to SNL), which appealed to me always about old 'Saturday Night Live,' and a very sort of meta approach, if you will, something sort of self-aware, which I think is really effective in her kind of humor," Faas said.

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> - Kathleen Faas

Describing Wickline as a "rare breed" that was "very respected," Whaley stated that while he hasn't seen her rise to TikTok or television fame, he likes to think the Samohi experience helped forge her on-stage path.

"When you grow up at Samohi, you get a lot of chances to perform, and so ... you get the nerves out, because you have a lot of opportunities ... a lot of kids would freeze, and she's been very comfortable playing alongside famous (artists) ... that probably taught her how to not be shy," Whaley said.

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SNL: Jane Wickline was an active member of the Samohi band community during her time at the school.



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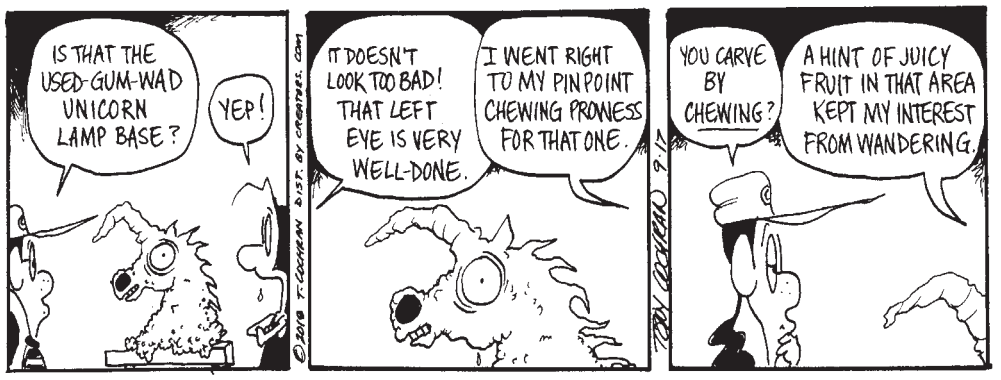
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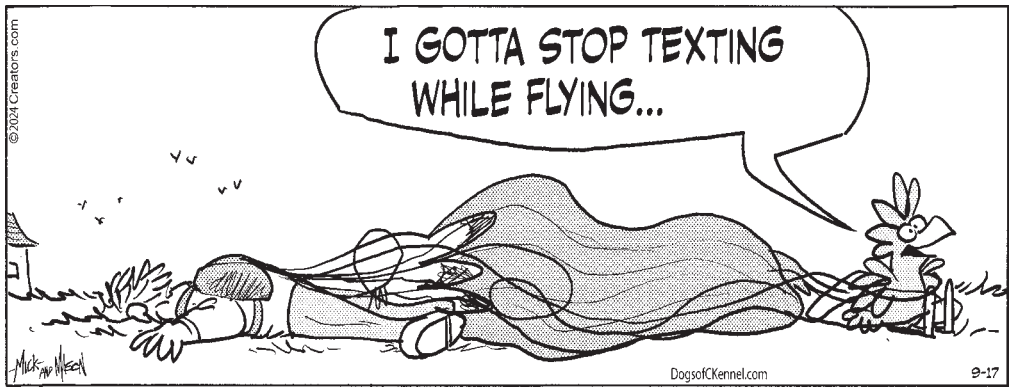
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 23 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com 6336

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The simplest choices lead to the most fortunate outcomes this year. Responsibilities drop, you'll dance with new freedoms, and you'll finally get the chance to dive into a subject you've been drawn to for years, and its mysteries will be revealed to you. More highlights: participating in a global game, a new and diverse set of friends and a material acquisition that lives up to its symbolism. Scorpio and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 1, 18, 30 and 13.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Like the other social animals, humans exist in a social order that is often established through body language signaling. The task at hand goes better when you're respected as a power player. Make yourself bigger. Command the space.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Life offers many shoes to try on. Each pair represents a different path, from the sturdy boots of responsibility to the dancing slippers of joy. Stay flexible! Change shoes when the terrain demands it — your safety and comfort depend on it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's competition for a leadership position. You'll take a step back and consider that the head honcho is not always the most powerful position to take. Major controllers are often in seemingly inconspicuous roles.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Is your attraction to someone purely circumstantial? A change of circumstances brings the answer. When the situation shifts, your feelings will either deepen or fade, revealing the true nature of your connection.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Share a laugh over the absurdity of work life. Today, it will speak to your feline nature as you'll be herding cats, which is no easier for a cat than it is for anyone else, but at least you can relate to the ones you're trying to manage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Where you are is a lucky place — there is no destination that's luckier. This is the only one you can affect, inhabit and fully experience. Your best move is to accept this as a prime place for you right now and go all in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The last thing you think will happen is the first thing that does, which refreshes your sense of wonder and gets your creativity flowing. Tonight brings a natural end to old business and a bright new opportunity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The day will refresh your sense of wonder. This is just what you need to get your creative juices flowing again. Tonight, stick with what works. Concern yourself with effectiveness, not perfection.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Achievement will correlate with the success of three missions. First, a quest for understanding. Second, the pursuit of greater understanding. Third is a drive toward deeper and wider understanding.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even when you're stressed, you still try to act like you know what you're doing, and it's so easy for you, too. Today, that will pay off. You'll perfect the art of breeziness and attract followers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll take a step back from conflict, choosing instead to explore your inner landscape. Withdrawal can be a way to connect with deeper truths within yourself but is also an escape. What would it take to engage instead?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Many activities that may have been considered self-indulgent in other times are now accepted social norms, and yet they do not feel completely comfortable to you. Do you. Your most attractive state is aligned with your own values.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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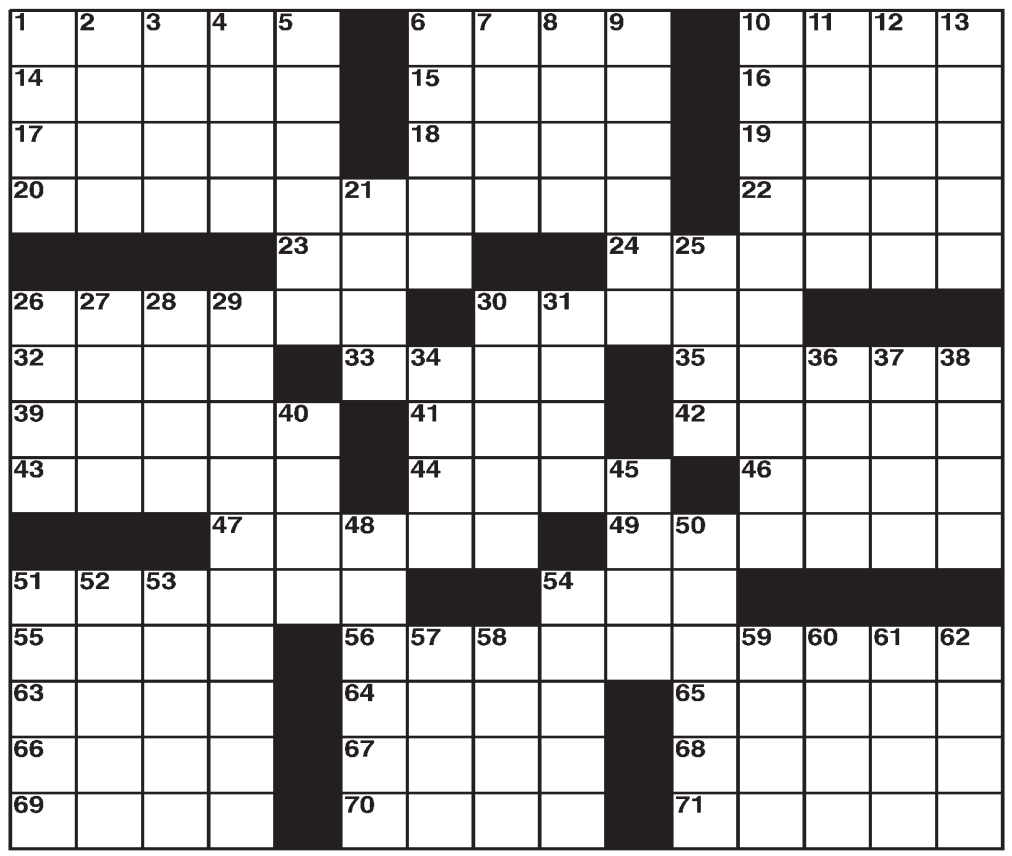
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14 Itinerary
15 Volcanic flow
16 Anvil metal
17 Fools' Day month
18 Throat-clearing sound
19 Evaluate
20 In the __ (very soon)
22 Plant stalk
23 Protective coverage for home or car: Abbr.
24 Type of blood vessel
26 Afraid
30 Fill an auto tank
32 "Tall" story
33 Was indebted to
35 Choose by ballot
39 Pet adoption org.
41 In the __ (ultimately)
42 Enjoy greatly
43 Bowling lane button
44 Take a break
46 Give as an example
47 Brief memos
49 Ultimatum's last words
51 "No others"
54 Call __ day (quit work)
55 "Right away" letters
56 In the __ (barely before the deadline)
63 Call from a crib
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65 Public discussion venue
66 Swelled heads
67 Task list heading
68 In the __ (minimally)
69 Couch or bench
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71 Trio in "tosses"

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1 Raisin __ cereal
2 Thick cord
3 Eerie glow
4 Mix with a spoon
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7 Honolulu's island
8 "...happily __ after"
9 Identical to
10 In the __(for starters)
11 Very angry
12 Ballot caster
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21 Open, as shoelaces
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28 Swiss mountains
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40 Part of a molecule
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FUNDRAISER

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raised $29,190 as of Sept. 12, with a total goal of $100,000 set. Organizing the endeavor was the aptly-named "Team Tracy," helmed by Oceana co-owner Suzy O'Donnell and close friend Christine Shanley. Young and O'Donnell have owned Oceana for 20 years, forging a lifelong bond after meeting at a salon in 1990.

Moving from Belfast, Ireland in the early 1980s, Young has been a hairdresser in Santa Monica since, including owning a previous salon spot on Montana Ave. before diving into Oceana. O'Donnell noted that business has changed "quite dramatically" over the years, and the Oceana model now consists of people within The Shores renting out chairs in the space.

Young's health unfortunately changed as well, taking a downtown recently before the lung cancer diagnosis. Shanley recounted how her friend suffered a pinched nerve in her neck, followed by a bout with gastrointestinal condition diverticulitis. A CT Scan of her body while she fought the infection was how doctors found an initial "black spot" on part of her lung.

"She was in the middle of five other health things at the time, so they said, it's so small … let's just wait," Shanley said. "Let's keep an eye on it. And that was a year and a half ago."

The situation grew more dire, however, with cancer found in three of four removed lymph nodes in conjunction with the lung removal. Young thought going into the operation that the cancer was at Stage 1, and left knowing it was Stage 3.

"Tracy has been a sturdy girl her whole life, she'd never get sick," O'Donnell said. "So this has been like a tidal wave of stuff that's come her way."

Team Tracy became more active in helping their namesake, hosting a "chemo kickoff" party before her first round of treatment and making a text thread to keep people informed of their decision. Any task Young has needed done, such as grocery deliveries and laundry, the united friend group has been at her side.

"It's been kind of an effort, (but it's) fortunate that she has (us), because I don't know that she would have gotten through this without all of us around her," Shanley added.

Initially saying "no way" to the GoFundMe, Young's confidants reinforced her importance to the community, because as Shanley puts it, "hairdressers know everybody."

"I said to her, she's got wonderful, wonderful clients and they're so generous and sweet," O'Donnell added. "And a lot of our clients, it's amazing how wonderful they've been. It's a chance for them to help. I think there's people out there that want to help other people that are struggling."

To donate to the GoFundMe campaign, visit https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-tracy-youngs-battle-with-lung-cancer.

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PROP. 3

FROM PAGE 2

State Sen. John Laird, a Santa Cruz Democrat and co-sponsor of the bill that became Prop. 3, still remembers the moment he found out that he could finally marry his partner of 15 years.

State Sen. John Laird, a Democrat from Santa Cruz, speaks on a bill before the legislature at the Capitol in Sacramento, on July 10, 2023. Photo by Rich Pedroncelli, AP Photo

"I was standing on the back of the Assembly floor, and the speaker's press secretary gets weepy, and he can't even tell me," Laird recalled in a recent interview. "He passes me the phone, and the phone says that the Supreme Court has ruled in favor of marriage equality. So I get out my phone, and I catch my spouse at work, and I propose."

The couple was married that September. But a few months later, California voters rejected marriage equality again. This time, opponents left no room for ambiguity: Voters approved Prop. 8, which defined marriage as between a man and a woman in the state Constitution.

"(Prop. 8) literally amended … the equal protection clause of the California Constitution to create an exception that permitted the state to discriminate against same-sex couples in marriage," Minter told me.

Minter and others fought the measure in court for years before a federal court ruled that the measure violated the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause in 2013. It has remained dormant in the state's governing document ever since.

Compared with previous efforts for voters to decide on marriage equality, there has been little campaigning against Prop. 3. Many conservatives have been reluctant to push against marriage equality given its popularity among voters, fearful of triggering the sort of backlash that's empowered Democrats since the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision overturned Roe.

Now it is widely expected that Prop. 3 will pass: Public support for marriage rights has finally caught up to legal arguments — and that public support goes a long way.

A year ago, the Human Rights Campaign declared a national state of emergency for LGBTQ+ Americans. As someone whose mere presence has been a political statement throughout his time in government, Laird told me it's essential to recognize the change in public opinion.

A Republican legislator and his wife once joined Laird and his partner on a work trip, and afterward the legislator told Laird that the experience helped shift his perspective on same-sex marriage.

"He said, 'You know, you guys are really nice people and special, and we really enjoyed spending time with you, and I'm going to have to rethink this marriage thing,'" Laird told me. "We got married not long after that, and he gave us a wedding gift."

Something as simple as spending time with LGBTQ+ people has the power to normalize their existence for people who have not yet encountered them, a reality that holds true for any underrepresented community. Today so many more LGBTQ+ people are able to safely come out and be open with their identities, and by extension, more people realize they have queer loved ones and friends — people whose civil rights they do not want to deny.

After decades of leaving LGBTQ+ rights in a legal tug-of-war, California voters have the opportunity to tell their neighbors, friends, colleagues and children that they unequivocally deserve the same civil rights as everyone else.

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TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 17

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Park Center Building, Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Help with family nutrition and health care access is resuming at Virginia Avenue Park thanks to Providence St. John's Community Health Program. The trained Providence St. John's staff can assist with enrollment in CalFresh, the state of California's food subsidy program created to improve the nutrition of families through access to healthy foods. Staff can also help navigate enrollment or questions for MediCal and Medicare. If you have questions about whether you qualify for benefits of if you need help completing enrollment forms, you can make an appointment by calling 310-458-8688. Drop-ins are also welcome.

TUESDAY TALES- HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

10:30 - 11 a.m. The Annex, Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. This engaging and fun weekly series of stories, songs and rhymes travels to different library locations. Limited space, free tickets available at 10:15 a.m. For ages 2-5.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MEDICARE

2 - 3 p.m. Multipurpose Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Barry A. Sikov, Independent Licensed Health Plan Advisor, discusses Medicare basics and the 2025 changes to Medicare Advantage and Part D drug plans.

SPEED DATING

7 - 10 p.m. Weary Livers, 2819 Pico Blvd. Busy singles ages 26-39 who value their time and want to make the most of the dating experience can come to the most efficient speed dating event in Los Angeles. Combines a social mixer/break time with one-on-one dating to allow you to meet more people. You must arrive no later than 7:20 p.m. Tickets $25, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/speed-dating-ages-26-39-santa-monica-tickets-1002000098267.

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 18

KIDS' UKULELE STRUM ALONG CLASS

4 - 5 p.m. Front Lawn, Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. Instructors Heidi Swedberg and Daniel Ward introduce young music lovers to the most social, fun and welcoming of all instruments. Bring your own ukulele or borrow one from the library (limited number; first come, first served). For ages 7-11.

FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC

4:30 - 7 p.m. Park Center Building, Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica residents can meet one on one with a lawyer from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles for help with housing issues. Immediate assistance is available by calling LAFLA directly at 800-399-4529 or visit lafla.org/gethelp.

PLANNING COMMISSION

6 p.m. City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. Established in 1946, the Planning Commission envisions Santa Monica as a city of wellbeing, sustainability, and equity, and seeks to balance the many needs and priorities within our community in accordance with the City's General Plan and Specific Plans. The Commission acts through open and civil discourse that is informed by public input, impartial analysis, and best practices in land use and planning.

COMMUNITY COLLECTIVE HAPPY HOUR

6 - 8 p.m. Viceroy Santa Monica, 1819 Ocean Ave. An exclusive networking event designed for innovators, community leaders and trailblazers. Come and connect with a lively crowd, enjoy great conversations, and make new connections. Free event.

LITERARY LOUNGE

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Central Courtyard, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Discover the joy of social reading at the Literary Lounge; a space for bibliophiles to bond over books, with music and literary inspired mocktails. Bring your own book or choose one from a collection of staff favorites.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION

7 - 8 p.m. Virtual. This community-led, monthly book discussion group currently meets online/virtually via Zoom. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. This month's title is "Y is for Yesterday" by Sue Grafton.

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 19

RETAIL/HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

8 - 9 a.m. Virtual. The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce members-only Retail and Hospitality Committee meeting encourages businesses to join and discuss any issues, policy changes, or other proposals that may be effecting your industry currently or in the future. To register, visit: https://santamonicachamber.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/23198.

TECH & TASKS

2 - 4 p.m. Tutoring Center, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes and more.

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than $2 billion to voluntarily implement some of these measures, which include storing U.S. user data on servers controlled by the tech giant Oracle. But it said a deal was not reached because government officials essentially walked away from the negotiating table in August 2022.

Justice officials have argued complying with the draft agreement is impossible, or would require extensive resources, due to the size and the technical complexity of TikTok. The Justice Department also said the only thing that would resolve the government's concerns is severing the ties between TikTok and ByteDance given the porous relationship between the Chinese government and Chinese companies.

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Campus Events 2024/25

FALL & WINTER



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- **Intercollegiate Athletic Competitions**
- **Literary Talks & Readings**
- **Music Concerts**
- **Planetarium Shows**
- ***Santa Monica Review* Issue Launch Party**
- **Theatre Arts Performances**
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