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Group goes from 'Horror Story' to powerful storytelling



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THEATER: Season 10 Productions, born from the pandemic production of "American Horror Story," will be performing "Hedwig & the Angry Itch" at Venice's Electric Lodge this weekend.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

A new theater troupe on the Westside has been through their own horror stories, looking to turn their tribulation into theater magic one show at a time.

Season 10 Productions, born from a crew of production assistants on the 10th season of "American Horror Story," continues its stage ventures over the next two weekends in Venice, performing "Hedwig & the Angry Itch" at The Electric Lodge. The third show of its inaugural season, Season 10 has the look of a seasoned crew already due to their relentless passion.

"I've been wanting to work in the theater professionally ever since I was a kid, and to be doing it with so many wonderfully talented people has been the absolute joy (of) my life," "Hedwig" Director Jack Boyle said. "I think it all comes down (to) we're all perfectionists and we all really want this to be the best thing it can be, but we also know that we have some important stories to tell that we want to share with the world."

The group's storytelling bonds were built on "Story," a television

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Formerly homeless renter protection advocate appointed to Rent Control Board

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

A longtime renter protection advocate who experienced homelessness in her youth will now have the opportunity to shape the conversation of renter's rights in her community.

At the June 13 meeting of the Santa Monica Rent Control Board, Kay Ambriz was unanimously selected to serve on the board, taking the position previously filled by Lonnie Guinn before his resignation in April. Ambriz was appointed to the vacant seat, and will serve through the November

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Accused rental scammer loses third lawsuit against SMDP

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica resident Patricia Anglano has lost her third lawsuit against the Daily Press for its coverage of the City's complaints against her.

Anglano has now lost three identical lawsuits against the paper. In the most recent ruling, Anglano's case for defamation was dismissed and the judge advised her to move on from her vendetta against the paper.

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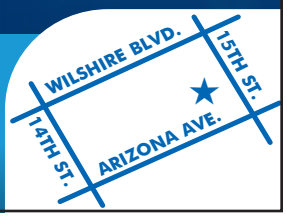
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A California senior lost $700K to scammers. Now she's asking the state to slow bank transfers

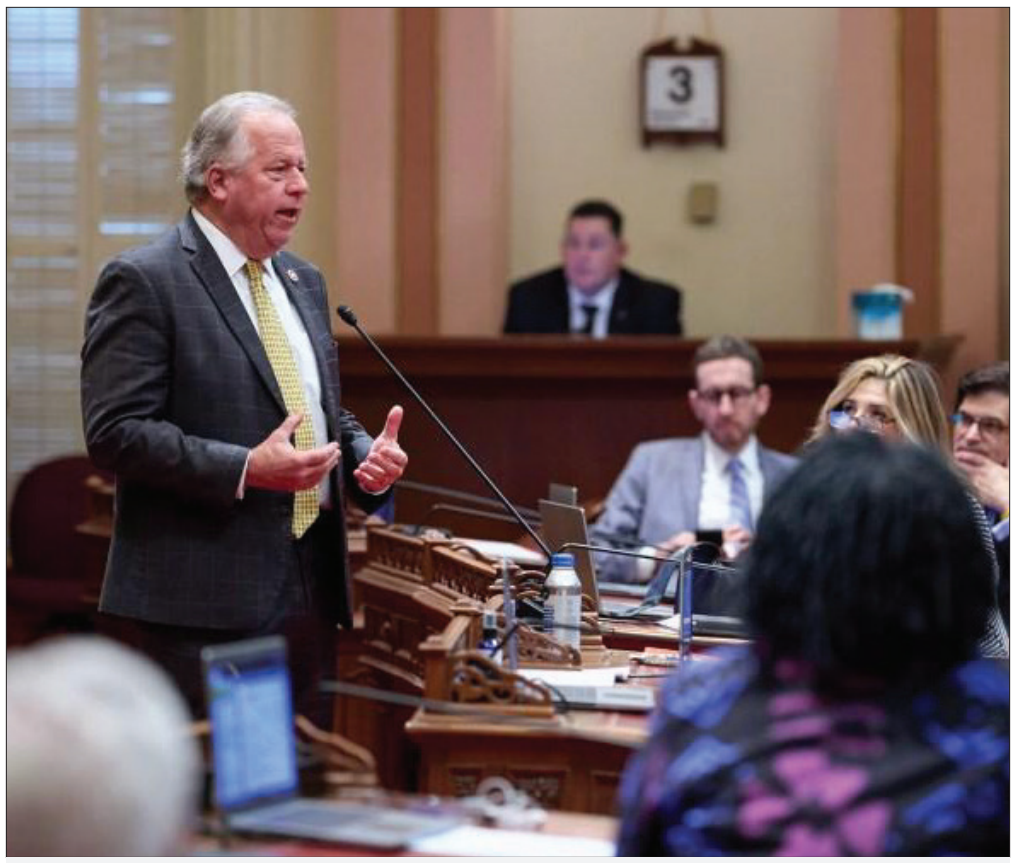


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LAWMAKERS: State Sen. Bill Dodd has a bill to try to help seniors who may have been targeted by scammers.

RYAN SABALOW
Special to the Daily Press

Alice Lin's husband died, and she found herself alone and caring for a disabled son. Then two years ago, the 81-year-old Alhambra woman said she started getting texts from a stranger on a messaging app.

Over the course of a series of friendly chats, he convinced her to wire $720,000 — her entire life savings — to a cryptocurrency app.

So she did – in seven separate in-person transactions at her local bank over three weeks. Her life savings disappeared, along with the man who scammed her. For a time, she said she contemplated suicide. But then she got angry – at her bank.

"Despite many red, red flags, my bank failed to consider that I might be a victim of elder fraud," Lin told the California Assembly's Banking and Finance Committee this week. "And they did not even contact my daughter, who is the joint account holder on the account."

In the months since, Lin started working with Consumer Attorneys of California to sponsor Senate Bill 278, a measure aimed at preventing elder fraud scams like the one that drained Lin's investment accounts.

The bill, by Napa Democratic Sen. Bill Dodd, would require that financial institutions delay transactions of more than $5,000 by at least three days if they "reasonably" suspect an elderly person is a victim of fraud. Banks would be required to train their employees to spot red flags, such as an unusually large and sudden transaction. Banks would also have to take steps to inform an elderly customer's designated "emergency financial contact" or joint account holder – someone like Lin's daughter – of a suspected fraudulent transaction.

"Elder financial abuse is everywhere," Dodd told the banking committee. "Losses exceed $23 billion annually. Once a senior falls prey to financial fraud, they may never recover."

Dodd's bill passed the Senate this spring with support from every prominent senior advocacy group in California, including the AARP. The measure originally faced intense opposition from the state's banking and business lobbies, though they've since softened their stance after the bill was recently amended.

The financial institutions cite worries that they'd be forced into defacto conservatorships that would give them too much control over an elderly customer's finances. The restrictions would also limit how quickly customers get their cash for legitimate expenses.

It was a concern shared by Roseville Republican Sen. Roger Niello who cast the lone "no" vote when the bill was before the Senate's judiciary committee last month.

"As the bill exists now, it seems to me we run the risk of more conflict between seniors and their financial institutions than we do limiting elder abuse," said Niello, who used the opportunity to give Dodd, 68, a good-natured ribbing about his age.

"I want you to know you don't look a day over 90," said Niello, who is 76 and the third-oldest member of the Legislature.

Dodd told the Assembly committee that the bill has been amended to limit the liability banks could face "when they do the right thing

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California lawmakers fast-track restaurant exemption to hidden fees law

DAN WALTERS

Legislation that would make it easier for restaurants to set food prices without including add-on fees is being whipped through the Capitol in warp speed.

On Tuesday two Assembly committees endorsed the newly drafted Senate Bill 1524, that would exempt restaurants from a law passed last year requiring businesses to include any fees for service, employee benefits or other items in the prices they quote to customers.

When it was introduced the 2023 legislation, SB 478, was hailed as a major reform to make consumers more aware of their final bills. Attorney General Rob Bonta, who sponsored the legislation, was especially boastful.

"Today, California is eliminating hidden fees," Bonta said in a joint statement with the authors. "These deceptive fees prevent us from knowing how much we will be charged at the outset. They are bad for consumers and bad for competition. They cost Americans tens of billions of dollars each year. They hit families who are just trying to make ends meet the hardest.

"With the signing of SB 478," Bonta continued, "California now has the most effective piece of legislation in the nation to tackle this problem."

Sen. Bill Dodd, a Napa Democrat and co-author of SB 478, agreed, saying, "With the governor's signing of this historic bill, we can finally take aim at dishonest junk fees that are tacked onto seemingly everything — from online concert tickets to hotel reservations."

SB 478 takes effect on July 1. But a couple of weeks ago, Bonta's office released an advisory that restaurants would have to follow the new law, and restaurant owners and unions reacted, claiming that they assumed their added fees would be exempt.

Dodd quickly grabbed SB 1524, which was parked in the Assembly, stripped out its language and inserted new verbiage allowing restaurants to exclude fees from their menu prices if their menus include "clear and conspicuous" notices that such fees exist.

Thus patrons would have to search menus for such warnings — even so, SB 1524 would give restaurants an extra year to place the language in their menus.

Restaurant industry lobbyists and union officials contend that SB 478 would, in effect, eliminate negotiated service fees and therefore deprive employees of income. It is, however, a specious argument. There's nothing in the new law to prohibit restaurants from folding fees into their quoted prices and using the income for whatever purpose it is being used now.

The real reason the industry dislikes the new law is a fear that disclosing complete prices of meals would discourage customers from dining out. In other words, they want to continue their bait-and-switch tactics with the Legislature's blessing.

When SB 478 was being heard in legislative committees last year, Bonta sent representatives to stress his support.

For instance, Eleanor Blume, Bonta's assistant for economic justice, told the Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee that he "is proud to sponsor SB 478 to bring an end to hidden fees in California," adding, "Businesses use hidden fees or junk fees to pitch an artificially low headline price to attract a customer before revealing additional charges later in the buying process."

However, no one from Bonta's office testified on SB 1524 Tuesday, implying that he doesn't oppose the restaurant exemption. Bonta is a very likely candidate for governor in 2026, and his major rival may be Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis, who lists herself as a co-sponsor of the new bill along with the California Restaurant Association.

Gov. Gavin Newsom, a restaurateur himself, probably will have the last word on whether California consumers get shafted while politicians play games.

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Surf report — WATER TEMP: 67.6

FRIDAY *FAIR*
SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist
Small surf with light onshore (NW) wind crumble currently expected. There should be enough NW windswell and leftover SW swell to be rideable but overall it looks weak - likely the smallest day of the work week.

SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*
SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh
Still generally small but on a slow rebuilding trend through the day as a new, long period SSW swell fills in (ahead of a peak later Sun and Mon). For certain points/reefs that really focus the long period swell it could get kinda fun late.

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Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.
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Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

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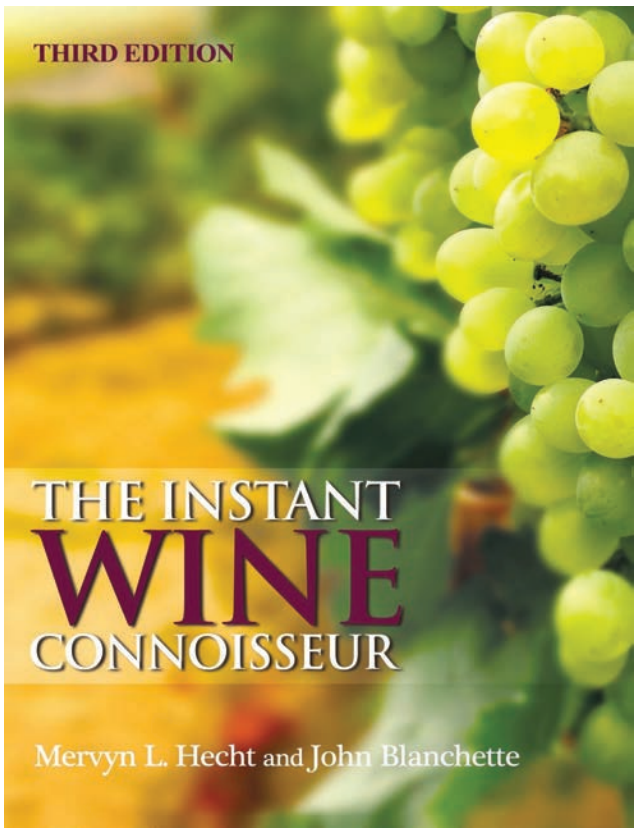
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Reader Questions – Why Can't We Speak In the Meeting?

KELLY G. RICHARDSON, ESQ., CCAL

Question: We have a dispute with our HOA board and tried to inform those present during open meeting time and were not allowed to speak. We were told this was not on the agenda and this is private. Is it not our right to disclose what we do not want kept private? C.W., Vista

Dear Kelly: Last night I attended a board meeting and wanted to speak at open forum. I was denied as I was told I had not signed up in advance to speak. This was never the policy when I was on the board. If you showed up and wanted to speak, we listened. I was told I should have looked for a signup sheet and signed up if I wanted to address the board. I didn't see the signup sheet. Did the board violate any regulations by not allowing me to speak due to their new, unpublished rules? Thank you in advance for your reply, P.H., Torrance

Dear C.W. and P.H.: The Open Meeting Act (Civil Code Sections 4900-4955) provides at Section 4925(b) that any member may speak at any membership meeting or open board meeting. The board must set a reasonable time limit for this part of the meeting, commonly called "member forum" or "open forum." A time limit per member should be established, as well as an overall time limit for the open forum portion of the meeting. As to topics not on the agenda, Civil Code 4930(b) expressly acknowledges that open forum remarks may be off-agenda topics since that statute allows the board to answer questions on such topics from open forum.

C.W., if you wanted to use your open forum time to discuss your dispute with the association you should be free to do so, within the time limit.

P.H., sign-in sheets help alert the board if many people wish to speak, but it should not be an absolute requirement because it is arguably an illegal impediment to open forum remarks. Only members have the right to speak in open forum, a valuable part of board meetings that healthy HOAs embrace.

Best, Kelly

Dear Mr. Richardson: Our board was not elected by homeowners. There was no quorum for the vote. However, the management company appointed who they wanted and kept some of the experienced board members. This group then appointed an Architectural Committee who revised the guidelines we have lived with for decades. They have really overstepped any authority they might have. Then to compound the problem, the management company called a meeting on a weekday morning when most owners are at work. Do we need to contact our attorneys to resolve this mess? L.M., Temecula

Dear L.M.: The manager cannot appoint directors and cannot advocate for or against any person regarding board seats. The architectural guidelines should be adopted by the board, not a committee, and members are required to be notified at least 28 days before any such rule changes are adopted. Except for retirement communities, my client HOAs mainly meet in the evenings. If your board is deaf to the desires of a majority of the community, don't go to court – go to your neighbors and begin the groundwork for a new board that will listen to the majority.

Sincerely, Kelly

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SCAM

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to protect elderly people, their customers."

That eased some of the concerns from the 13 financial and business groups, including the California Chamber of Commerce, that are listed as opponents to Dodd's bill.

"We think what's in front of us right now, while it's going to be a heavy lift for credit unions, the good outweighs the work that's going to go in there," Robert Wilson, a lobbyist with the California Credit Union League, told the banking committee this week. "This is going to protect seniors."

Wilson and other bankers remain leery of how Dodd's measure would be enforced – a matter that Dodd says will get cleared up by the time the bill reaches the Assembly Judiciary Committee next week.

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In rain, snow and drought, California's fights over water rights, supplies persist



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WATER : Anglers try their luck from the Antioch Fishing Pier at the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in Rio Vista on May 29, 2024. The Delta is a fishing hotspot for numerous species of gamefish.

DAN WALTERS

Legal rights to use water — particularly those obtained prior to 1914 — lie at the heart of California's perpetual wrangling over the allocation of increasingly limited water supplies.

For years state officials have been trying, with limited success, to reduce farmers' diversions, increase river flows and restore declining numbers of fish, particularly salmon, and other wildlife.

The conflict occurs even during periods when the state receives abundant rain and snow and its reservoirs are full. But it becomes more intense during the state's periodic droughts, as illustrated by what happened in 2014 when then-Gov. Jerry Brown, citing "one of the driest years in recorded state history," proclaimed a state of emergency.

The state Water Resources Control Board began notifying agricultural water agencies that they must curtail diversions from the Sacramento and San Joaquin river watersheds — essentially the entire Central Valley — having "determined that the existing water supply ... is insufficient to meet the needs of all water rights holders."

The state clearly had the authority to curtail diversions by agencies, with rights granted after the state assumed managerial control of California water in 1914 — ironically exactly one century earlier. However, those with pre-1914 rights balked, contending that under state law the board could not order them to decrease diversions.

Political and legal squabbling ensued and the issue wound up in the courts, and in 2022 an appellate court ruled that the water board did not have legal authority to order pre-1914 rights holders to reduce diversions.

Although the case centered on the board's drought-induced curtailment orders, everyone involved knew that the outcome could affect the larger issue of water rights and the overall allocation of water supplies.

Environmental groups that had been pressing the board to become more assertive on water rights were disappointed. "A recent decision by California's Sixth District Court of Appeal highlights everything that's wrong with California water law," two officials of Cal

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Just be honest

Editor:

Voters are smart enough to realize that besides eroding trust in local elected officials, Council leaks out of closed session cost resident taxpayers real money, . Christine Parra's defense of such lawbreaking (SMDP 6/18 "Council votes not to proceed with an investigation into closed session leaks") is disturbing and embarrassing.

Make no mistake, such leaks violate state law. The L.A. County District Attorney's Public Integrity Division stands ready to investigate and enforce, but not if the Council itself votes for a cover-up. This is the second time in just three years that the "change slate" voted to prevent an investigation from going forward.

Closed session leaks and cover-ups are not normal — far from it. During my experience on the Council, going back to 1998, allegations of leaks were never an issue until after the 2020 election. Something new and extremely concerning is happening behind the scenes at City Hall, and voters should demand transparency and justice.

Instead, Parra pulled a page from the Trump playbook, accusing other Councilmembers of "weaponizing the city attorney's office for political gain." Wait a minute, who's been saying that about state and federal Departments of Justice? Buy the nice lady a MAGA hat!

The change slate's hitherto unacknowledged conservatism was revealed by something else Parra said in dismissing concerns about Councilmembers' honesty and integrity: "...this is not the first time that we've seen the liberal minority use this body for political gain...". Whoa! If we have a liberal minority, that means we have a conservative majority... for the moment.

Integrity and ethics will, and should be, a major issue in November's election. Last Tuesday's Council inaction, as reported by the Daily Press, makes it clear we need to clean house and restore our City Council to trustworthy representation of Santa Monica voters. We can't afford to keep Councilmembers who believe living up to the honesty we expect of them is merely optional. Christine Parra and your allies, I have to say it again: your behavior is an embarrassment.

Kevin McKeown, Retired former Mayor

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High court blocks anti-tax measure from California ballot

ALEXEI KOSEFF
Special to the Daily Press

The California Supreme Court sided with Gov. Gavin Newsom and Democratic leaders in the Legislature on the constitutionality of a sweeping anti-tax measure, ruling Thursday that it cannot go before voters in November.

The business community-sponsored initiative, formally known as the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act, broadly aims to make it more challenging to raise taxes in California, including by requiring the Legislature to seek approval from the voters for any new or higher state tax.

Newsom and legislative leaders sued last fall to stop the measure, arguing that it amounts to an illegal attempt to revise the California Constitution and would impair essential government functions.

In a unanimous decision, the Supreme Court agreed, ordering Secretary of State Shirley Weber to refrain from taking any steps to place the initiative on the Nov. 5 ballot.

The proposed changes "are within the electorate's prerogative to enact," Justice Goodwin Liu wrote, "but because those changes would substantially alter our basic plan of government, the proposal cannot be enacted by initiative."

Proponents, led by the California Business Roundtable, introduced the initiative to crack down on what they contend are loopholes created by legislators and court rulings that weakened previous voter-approved tax accountability measures and allowed an unelected administrative bureaucracy to flourish. It has been heavily supported by the real estate industry and a private ambulance company, which frequently battle local governments over taxes, fees and assessments to fund public services.

The measure would also increase the margin to pass a voter-initiated special tax at the local level, to two-thirds from a simple majority; restrict how officials can calculate the cost of fees that fund public services and programs; and reclassify some of those charges as taxes.

These changes could upend the operation of California government at every level, prohibiting administrative agencies from setting levies and requiring the Legislature or local governments to turn to the voters to adjust them. Cities, counties and the unions that represent their employees have raised alarms that the initiative would blow a hole in their budgets, threatening their ability to provide essential services.

Opponents argued in court during a hearing last month that, rather than simply amending tax law in the state constitution, this amounted to a fundamental restructuring of how government operates — a more substantial change that can only be proposed by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature or through a constitutional convention. The initiative's proponents countered that the power of the legislative branch has always been shared with the public and urged the justices not to intervene in a political conflict that should be settled by voters.

Democratic lawmakers had already placed a competing measure on the November ballot designed to undermine the California Business Roundtable initiative.

The legislative measure flips the California Business Roundtable's own higher standards around, requiring any changes to the threshold for approving state and local taxes pass by that same margin. So if voters adopt it, the tax initiative would need to secure two-thirds support from the electorate to become law, rather than a simple majority, a high hurdle for a statewide ballot measure.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Trout, one of the environmental groups, wrote in CalMatters, adding, "the decision shields a class of property owners whose rights were enshrined in law at a time when the rights of citizenship, land ownership and common decency were only afforded to a privileged few."

Farm interests were, of course, pleased with the decision as they sparred with the water board over the larger issue of how much water must remain in rivers to support wildlife.

Environmental groups have urged the board to issue new water quality standards for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that would indirectly reduce agricultural diversions. Jerry Brown and his successor, Gavin Newsom, have urged the adoption of "voluntary agreements" on diversions without a legal showdown over water rights, but that effort has not yet succeeded.

Last year legislation was introduced to bolster the water board's curtailment authority, implementing a report by UC Berkeley's Center for Law, Energy and the Environment, underwritten by the water board, recommending that "the state needs to implement curtailments on a regular basis, not only in times of extreme crisis."

The most important, Assembly Bill 1337, would have given the water board direct authority to order curtailments of pre-1914 rights holders. However, it sat in limbo for more than a year until its author, Assemblywoman Buffy Wicks, an Oakland Democrat, finally dropped it this month.

The only survivor is AB 460, by Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, a San Ramon Democrat, which would increase fines for illegal water diversions and is blessed by a multi-party agreement.

The drought orders, the appellate court decision and the non-action by the Legislature this year indicate that California's water rights remain a major bone of legal and political contention as the larger struggle over water allocation continues.

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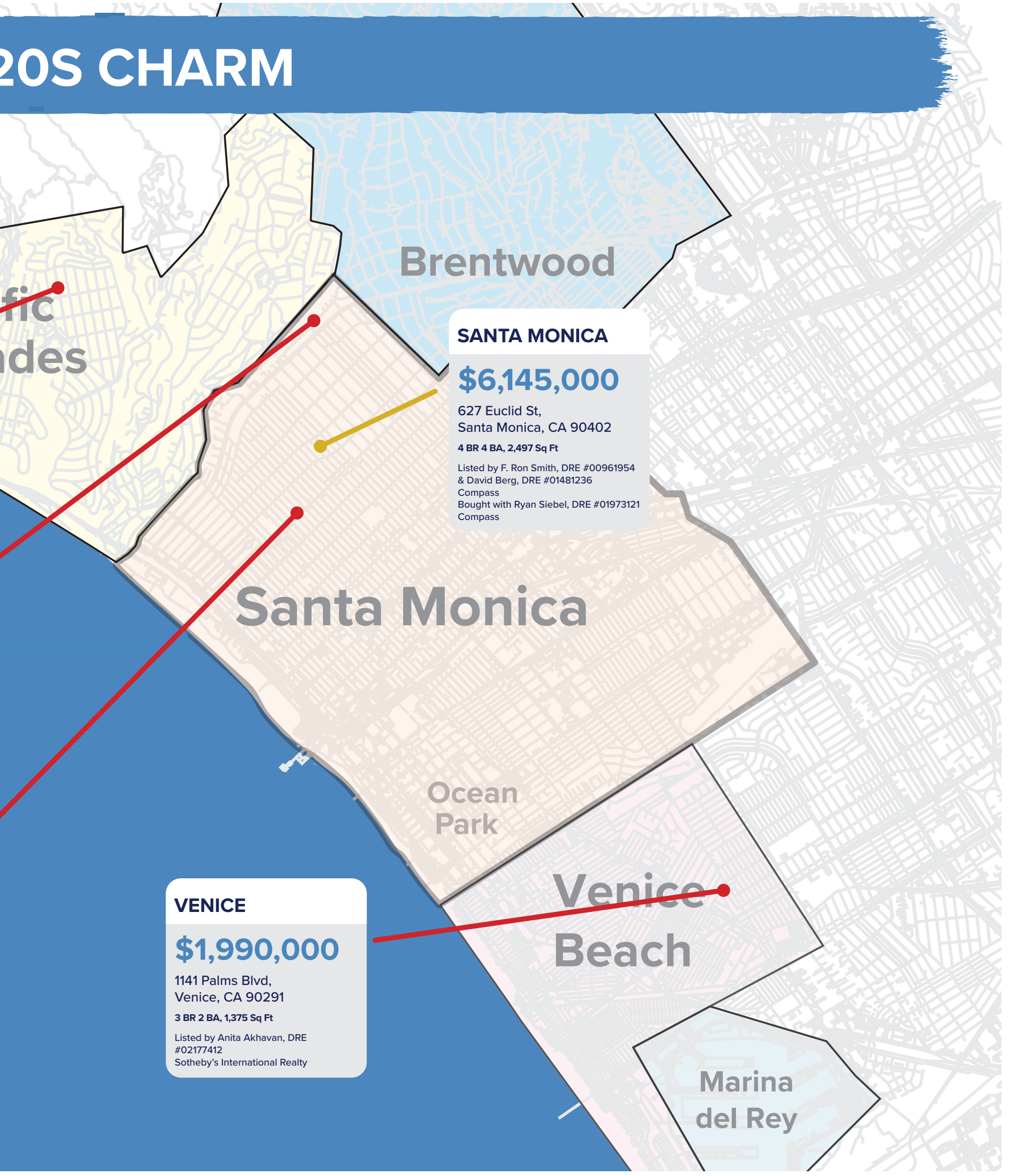
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FRIDAY | JUNE 21

SMARTSWEETS CANDY SHOP

Come join the low-sugar candy brand SmartSweets at their first ever Mobile Candy Shop to try their latest innovations and new and improved recipe. The mobile candy shop will be full of candy-fied games, exclusive merch drops, nostalgic activations, content worthy gifting and a sweet tooth playlist. Runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Brig, 1515 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice. For more information, contact Katie Hawkins at smartsweets@autumncommunications.com.

MAKE MUSIC LOS ANGELES

Join three Santa Monica neighborhood associations for concerts presenting a wide variety of bands. These concerts are part of the Make Music Los Angeles festival, a global celebration of music observed in 800 cities across 110 countries on the summer solstice. Shows will be at Beach Park 1, 2600 Barnard Way, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Colorado Center Park, 26th St., from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.; and at Palisades Park between Colorado Ave. and Adelaide Drive from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Performers at Colorado Center Park include Mac Nix, Kyle Spleiss and Tom Nolan; while the Palisades Park show includes Captain Dan for Kids, Tutu School Dancers and SaMoHi String Quartet.

PRIDE SUNSET SWIM

Enjoy a queer, safe, accessible, judgement-free space for everybody with fabulous pool floats and s'mores at the historic Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Outside food welcome, no glass, no alcohol. $10 for adults, $5 for seniors (60 and above).

SATURDAY | JUNE 22

DOUGLAS PARK PLAYGROUND RECONSTRUCTION MEETING

The City and Landscape Structures Inc. would like to meet and hear directly from residents about the Douglas Park Playground Reconstruction Project. Starts at 10 a.m. at Douglas Park, 2439 Wilshire Blvd., at the bike track next to the playground.

VENICE SUMMER FEST

Welcome to the Venice Summer Fest 2024 on Venice Blvd. in downtown Mar Vista, running from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free admission. Get ready for live music, delicious food, shop local artists and exciting activities for all ages. Dog friendly event. Summer Fest Social Garden tickets $65, can be purchased at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/venice-summer-fest-2024-tickets-859228464467.

SOUNDS OF SANTA MONICA- PRIDE EDITION

As an extension of the Sounds of Santa Monica live music series, families can get their groove on during the inaugural Sounds of Santa Monica: Pride Edition and enjoy family-friendly live musical entertainment by LGBTQIA+ performers. Runs from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Santa Monica Place mall. Free admission.

SUMMER OF STRUM INTRODUCTION TO UKULELE

Steve Rose, longtime ukulele instructor at McCabe's Guitar Shop, teaches you a few chords and basic strums to start you on your ukulele journey. Bring your own instrument, borrow one (supplies are limited), or check out a Ukulele RED Kit. For adults and teens. Starts at 2 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

PRIDE ON THE PROMENADE

From 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the Third Street Promenade, everyone is invited to revel in live musical performances, indulge in PRIDE-themed treats, snag some free swag, engage in games and much more. Local service providers and community groups will be present along the Promenade, offering support and resources for the LGBTQ+ community. Performers include Big Kim, Blow Brass, Jeffrey Chan and Kao Wonder. Pets are welcome.

PRIDE BAR CRAWL

Celebrate Pride with the 7th Annual Pride Bar Crawl, beginning at Cabo Cantina on the Third Street Promenade at 4 p.m. Dress in vibrant attire and express your true self in a safe, welcoming space. A portion of every ticket sold goes directly to Pride non-profit organizations nationwide, including 20% of this year's proceeds going to the Trevor Project. Drink specials will be hosted at Cabo Cantina, Barney's Beanery, Britannia Pub, Jameson's Irish Pub and Santa Monica Whaler. After party from 10 p.m. to 12 p.m. at Lanea. Tickets $25, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-official-pride-bar-crawl-santa-monica-7th-annual-tickets-765152641147.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Read the book and join the lively discussion. The Crossing Places by Elly Griffiths, For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event.

SUNDAY | JUNE 23

SANTA MONICA HISTORY MUSEUM EXHIBIT

Check out the new pop-up exhibition at the Santa Monica History Museum, "Telling Stories of Mexican California: Real Life and Myth Making," from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1350 7th St. This evocative exhibition invites visitors to embark on a journey through the intricate tapestry of California's pre-statehood history, offering a nuanced exploration of the narratives that have shaped California's identity. Produced in partnership with the California Historical Society and Exhibit Envoy Museum. Free admission.

CHESS SUNDAYS

Make your move as chess players of all ages and levels are invited for weekly casual play on the 1200 Block of Third Street Promenade from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Play a game with a friend as some chess sets (including a few giant ones) will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. No sign-ups or advance registration required. This event is a partnership between the Santa Monica Chess Club and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.

DRIED FLORAL ARRANGING CLASS

Join The Cove for a fun and creative Dried Floral Arranging Class at Colorado Center Park, 26th St., beginning at 3 p.m. Learn how to arrange beautiful dried flowers and create a stunning arrangement that will last for months. This in-person event is the perfect way to spend a relaxing afternoon surrounded by nature ands female community. Included are a white vase, selection of premium dried florals to choose from, floral clippers and supplies to use during the class, and a beautiful arrangement to take home and enjoy. General admission $75, can be purchased at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dried-floral-arranging-class-tickets-919765412107.

MAGIC FUNDRAISER FOR ROCK THE VOTE

Albie Selznick & Friends will be performing for one night only at Illusion Magic Lounge, 1418 4th St., to support Rock The Vote. Doors open at 5 p.m. Scheduled to perform are Selznick, Pop Haydn, Siegred Tieber, Arthur Trace, David Stryker, Michael Rayner, Lauro Castillo and Andrew Goldenhersh. General admission $40, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-magic-fundraiser-for-rock-the-vote-tickets-885713431717.

MONDAY | JUNE 24

SENIOR WRITING GROUP

1 - 2:30 p.m. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades. No RSVP is required. For questions, you can email Kathy at kathleenkatims@gmail.com or call 310-569-3492. Kathy Katims, founder of Saved by a Story, will be leading an ongoing writing group for seniors. New members are welcome to all sessions. Write to prompts, share (if you want), connect with fellow seniors in the neighborhood, hone your writing skills, and find your story. RSVP is recommended but not required. If you RSVP Kathy will send you a welcome packet, guidelines, and a reminder the day before the meeting. More information and to RSVP, email Kathy at kathleenkatims@gmail.com or call 310-569-3492.

AIRPORT COMMISSION

The Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in matters pertaining to the administration of Santa Monica Municipal Airport and other aviation matters affecting the City. The Airport Commission meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, except in August and December when the Commission is in recess. Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, 7 p.m.

20 QUESTIONS TRIVIA @ O'BRIEN'S

20 Questions Trivia is like no other trivia show, because you're a part of the show. Wrong answers count for partial credit if they're funny. Every week the show has a theme, and all the questions and/or answers revolve around that theme. That makes it possible to figure out the answer even if you don't know it. And every question is followed by a song, which is usually an additional clue to the correct answer. O'Brien's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 2226 Wilshire Blvd, 8 - 10 p.m. https://www.20questionstrivia.com/

MAGIC SHOW WITH MAGICAL KATRINA

Find yourself astounded by the many tricks of Magical Katrina! Kids and families are invited to join us for a magic show that will surprise and delight. Recommended for ages 3 and up. This event is put on with the generous support of the Library Foundation. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Donald Bruce Kaufman - Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles.

SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP AT HEAL THE BAY AQUARIUM

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DECODEN DESIGN

Personalize a trinket box or claw hair clip in Decoden, a Japanese style of decorating with faux frosting and kawaii charms. All materials will be provided. For ages 12-18. Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 4 - 5 p.m.

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ANGLANO

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Anglano, who stated in court she is also known as Tricia Anglano, first filed a small claims suit against the Santa Monica Daily Press, the Santa Monica Lookout and the Canyon News back in 2021 over coverage of a settlement related to tenant harassment.

The City filed its case against Anglano alleging an elaborate scam against more than ten people who responded to online ads to rent a room in her Santa Monica apartment. According to the City's complaint, Anglano first extracted money from applicants for the room, and then, once their checks were deposited, subjected them to bizarre and harassing behavior designed to make them flee the apartment – or never move in at all.

She claimed that publication of a 2018 news story about the settlement in that case defamed her and sought $10,000 from each publication. The court rejected her case in July 2022. Her second suit against the paper was dismissed when she failed to appear in court.

Anglano also failed to appear during the initial hearing for her third attempt but in an effort to end the legal harassment, SMDP pursued an in-person ruling.

During the scheduled May 23, 2024, hearing inside the Small Claims Court, Anglano insisted she had never received the cross complaint documentation despite evidence provided by Ross Furukawa, Publisher of the Daily Press, that it had been sent to the address filed in Anglano's initial complaint.

In an attempt to prevent this case from going on any longer and since both parties were actually present in court, Judge Pro Tem Danny Lewis opted to give Anglano about an hour or so to review and familiarize herself with the cross complaint documentation.

A few minutes after Anglano left the courtroom, Daily Press reporter Scott Snowden, who was also in attendance, ventured outside to offer Anglano the opportunity to comment or make any kind of statement if she so wished.

After identifying himself as a reporter for the newspaper, Anglano became agitated and uncooperative.

"The guy's completely unkempt. He looks like he just is getting out of bed and he looks obviously very crazy. So I'm going to stop this conversation with you and just tell you guys bullshit," Anglano said, adding, "You better go home. Take a shower. Okay and wash your mouth … You know, you can put that in writing. Go home, take a shower, talk to mama. Okay. And then you know what? Shave okay? Because you look ridiculous," she said as she recorded the exchange on her phone.

Once the court was back in session and the case resumed, Anglano claimed both Snowden and Furukawa had harassed her and announced that she would be seeking a restraining order against both. She repeated lies that the Daily Press had paid for the original 2018 story ("Santa Monica City Attorney's Office obtains judgment against tenant in rental scam case") to rank higher on Google searches, that the paper was stalking her online and that the original story was false. She also broached new falsehoods that Furukawa had a criminal record, which he does not.

"I've never been involved in a rental scam. I'm a victim of identity theft in 2018," Anglano told the Judge.

That original press release is still live on the City of Santa Monica's website and Furukawa said all the paper had done was report the news.

"Our job as a local newspaper is to inform our readership of stuff that they need to protect themselves," Furukawa said.

Anglano repeatedly interrupted Furukawa even after she'd had a chance to speak.

Judge Lewis told her, "I think your life would be better if you just ignored them and went your separate ways."

Anglano said she couldn't and that she would appeal a loss. She also said she would continue to make online posts targeting the company.

Anglano presented no evidence to support any of her claims but her behavior prompted the court to end the hearing without making a final ruling and ask SMDP employees to wait until Anglano had cleared the area before departing to prevent any additional outbursts.

> "Our job as a local newspaper is to inform our readership of stuff that they need to protect themselves"
> - Ross Furukawa

The ruling dismissing her case was then mailed to both parties.

Anglano has a robust history with the courts, both real and fictional. She has a litany of failed lawsuits against individuals that she accuses of stealing her dog, an LA animal shelter employee she accuses of refusing to return the dog to her, pro-bono lawyers she believes were in a conspiracy against her and individuals she believes defamed her in a custody fight.

She has also appeared on the TV show Judge Faith where a tenant accused her of harassment. Anglano lost the TV case as well with the judge saying her behavior was so aberrant that she should be paying tenants to live with her, not the other way around.

It is the policy of the Daily Press to run a story on any attempt by anyone to take legal action against it.

"We have a procedure for when somebody attempts to sue us, we'll write about it so we're always transparent," Furukawa said.

Regarding the counterclaim, the court did not award damages to the Daily Press for legal, reputational damage and time.

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APPOINTMENT

FROM PAGE 1

2024 municipal election where she intends to earn a full four-year term.

Ambriz has been incredibly active in the Santa Monica renters community, having been a member of the Santa Monica for Renters' Rights (SMRR) Steering Committee and also working on the SMRR hotline assisting callers with various issues. Those roles, she noted in her board application, made renter education her "top issue" and reason for applying.

"As I have seen firsthand as a SMRR hotliner, many residents are ill-informed about their rights," Ambriz wrote. "I plan to address this issue by being as knowledgeable about the law myself and educating the public wherever possible via in-person workshops, Zoom meetings, neighborhood association meetings (and) various club meetings."

Along with her SMRR contributions, Ambriz's first hand experience with rental issues has gone deep, as she experienced homelessness in her youth due to familial issues. During high school, Ambriz's mother was able to receive Section 8 housing, a circumstance she "was very aware and appreciative of."

"Without rent control, I would have been priced out of Santa Monica years ago," Ambriz added. "I know many other city residents share this experience. Now, I would like to use my lived experience and education to help others by serving on the Rent Control Board."

Politically, Ambriz has supported a wide range of local campaigns for pro-housing ballot measures, such as Measures GS, RC and EM. She was also appointed by Santa Monica City Council in 2019 to serve on the Social Services Commission (now the Human Services Commission), working in the role for three years.

The same support she received from Council during that time was given by the existing Rent Control Board members, who unanimously supported the candidate during candidate discussion. Board Chair Ericka Lesley stated that she's "throwing her hat in" for Ambriz due to her dedication and also having "compassion for our tenants and also our landlords." Lesley added that prospective candidates should "stay in the clear middle" of rent issues, an impartiality Ambriz stated was a result of her law background, attending Hastings Law School with a housing rights issue focus.

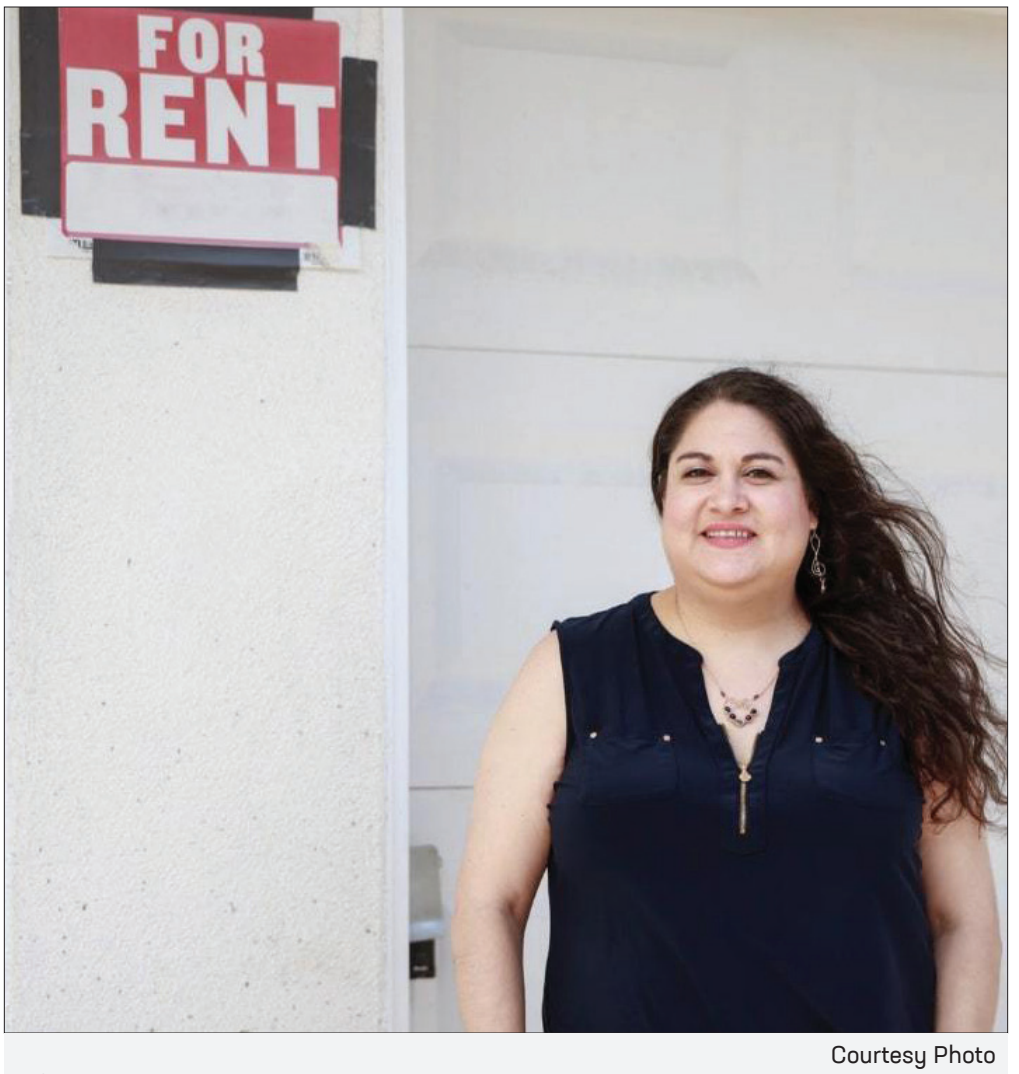
"I'm dedicated to fostering open communication between tenants, landlords and policymakers to ensure that the needs and concerns of all stakeholders are taken into account," Ambriz told the board prior to her selection.

Ambriz also received endorsements from City Councilmember Caroline Torosis and former Santa Monica Mayor Sue Himmelrich, making her a standout candidate. Along with Ambriz, residents Phillis Dudick and Thomas Touzin also threw their name out for the position, something Board Vice-Chair Kurt Gonska was appreciative of.

"It's really great to see so many members of the community who are passionate about this and want to become involved and want to give back to the community, and obviously are very knowledgeable about our role here and our mission here … to the other (candidates), I hope you'll stay involved," Gonska said.

November's election will be for two open seats, the seat Ambriz now holds as well as the seat of Anastasia Foster, who announced she will be running for an open seat on the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees. Dudick announced her intention to run for the open seats during the June 13 meeting.

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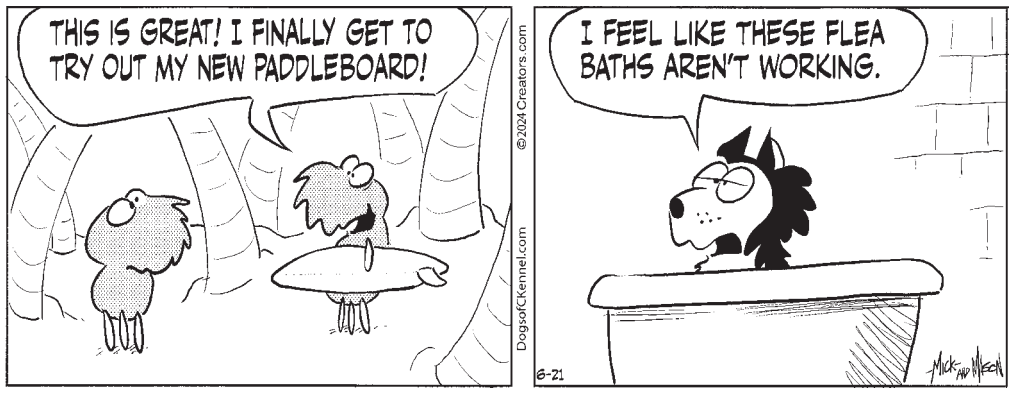
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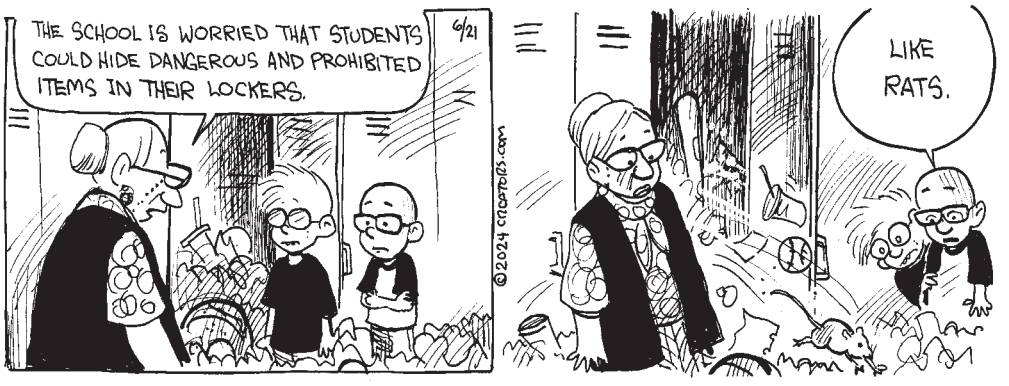
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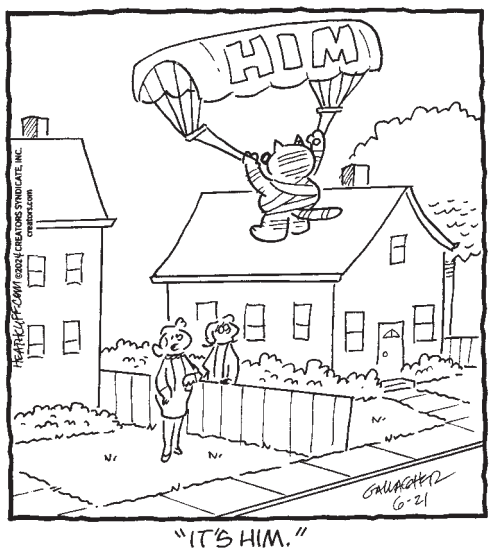
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 21)

You have no idea about the intangible magic you wield except that people are drawn to your charisma and delighted by your company. It leads to many charmed outcomes, some you'll take to the bank, some to the memoir. Even though you retrain yourself to stop thinking in terms of a destination and stick with the moment, Gemini and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 5, 16, 33 and 28.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People aren't always having the kind of fun it looks like they're having. The inner dynamics of groups and parties can be very different from what's projected. To be sensitive to this, and savvy about social illusions, is to have an edge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What seems like a risk to one person is the only option for someone in a different situation, and therefore a no-brainer. Before you get involved in an endeavor, learn where the players are coming from, how your situation is the same and how it is different.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Life is usually a trade-off, but today it's just offerings and gifts. You won't have to give up the old to get something new. All options exist side by side like sweet confections in a dessert case. You'll have your cake and eat it, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's a creative high for you, with usual associations like writing or playing music, and extended variations of the art of life, too — like designing an experience for another person, or bringing together disparate elements in the name of worship, solutions or play.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Relationships may seem one-to-one, but they exist in a web. Each alteration relates to everything connected in the web. So new additions cause exponential change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When there's too much to do, nothing gets done well. This is why you'll step back, survey the scene and decide on the single most important thing. Then you'll not only execute the task, you'll elevate it to an art form.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Everything feels better when you can just be you. If you feel you must filter the picture or slant the story to favor yourself, it might say something about how well you're connecting with the person you're with. Are they capable of a deeper connection?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're leading things whether you realize it or not. When you're comfortable, everyone around you will be comfortable. And how can you possibly relax with this much on your plate? Call in some backup and delegate a few tasks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll approach the day with an easy intelligence, naturally gravitating to the moves that are smart, graceful, logical and practical. It can all be accomplished without cracking a book or opening a case to see the inner working of things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Just because you can fit into a group doesn't mean you should. Stick with the people who make you feel hopeful, curious and excited. And if you don't know them yet, you will soon. Start the search tonight. Mingle in new places.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because life moves and you move with it, you're always going to be a different person when you sign up to do a thing from the person you are after the delivery. Predict whether future-you is going to be happy about what past-you signed up for.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've a teacher's heart and an instinct about people's needs and potentials. You'll be proud to see others making good use of the lessons you imparted. Knowing your contributions make a difference is an affirmation of your instinct.

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

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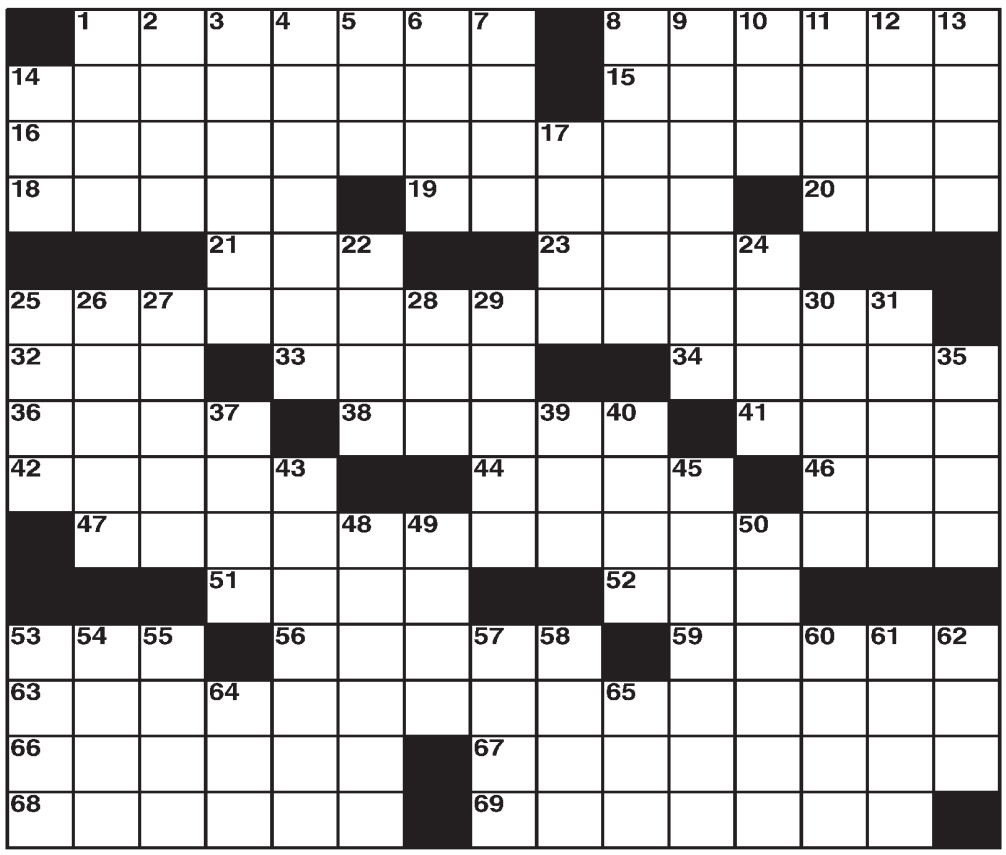
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ACROSS

1 Traditional frat pledge ordeals
8 Founder of Taoism
14 Early cell-phone brand
15 More sprightly
16 SUMMER BREEZE
18 Round of four
19 Lesser song site
20 __ job on (deceive)
21 Very fine
23 Ingredients of oranges
25 SUMMER STOCK
32 Important span
33 Dance costume
34 Some tracks
36 Certain sandwich exterior
38 Major draw
41 What Cleveland's main river feeds
42 Miscellaneous matter
44 What a CEO might run
46 Aurora alias
47 SUMMER VACATION START, PERHAPS
51 Survey unsubtly
52 Stubborn Seuss character
53 *Un saison*
56 Darth __ (Potato Head product)
59 Design data
63 SUMMER JOB
66 Des-egg-nation
67 See 65-Down
68 Follows
69 Far from fancy

DOWN

1 Isaac Singer patent payee
2 Modicum
3 Group with a goat
4 Film fade technique
5 Cold weather beverage
6 Silver-tongued
7 Seniors' challenges
8 Cosmetics queen
9 __ please (was solicitous)
10 Shelley's satellite
11 Affiliated
12 SUMMER LOVE
13 Bear up above
14 Topographical high pts.
17 Robert De __
22 Longtime *Project Runway* emcee
24 Excepting
25 Is the culmination of
26 Uneasy feeling
27 Slack off
28 Took a course
29 Actor who hosted *Searching for Italy*
30 Printer's arc
31 He wrote of "a cat in profound meditation"
35 Meeting, informally
37 Continental prefix
39 *Friends* cast member
40 Film with half-dozen-legged soldiers
43 Bible's first flora
45 Happy gourmand
48 Subjects of fleecing
49 Alien-seeking org.
50 What Panama hats are made for
53 Top or tip
54 Arctic-to-Antarctic flier
55 Dock data
57 Cuts off
58 Extend a stint
60 Hot spot with snow
61 *Godfather* Oscar nominee
62 Artful
64 Conclusion of some presidential addresses
65 With 67-Across, *Selma* director



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THEATER

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sensation that continued production on the 10th season, "Double Feature," during the COVID-19 pandemic. Boyle said that while they "were low on the totem pole" on the production staff, they "shared this complete love and bond of creating artwork" that kept them going.

"Hedwig" producer Athena Saxon called the experience a "collective trauma," but ultimately a key learning experience.

"We worked really hard, and it (came from) a place of just coming together and really making the best out of a terrible situation and learning a lot," Saxon said. "And for some of us, it was their first opportunity to ever be in the industry ... it was part of transition for us."

Now transitioning into making their own productions, Season 10 began with a sold-out run of Martin McDonagh's "The Pillowman," followed by a limited engagement of Neil Simon's "California Suite." Looking for inspiration for the third show, Boyle and friend Tyler Marshall saw the original Hedwig, John Cameron Mitchell, on tour and knew what they would do next.

Marshall, playing the lead role in the musical dramedy about the female recording artist, called the show a "drag stand up act" that has been a dream role since seeing Mitchell perform on Broadway.

"(Hedwig) is so universal, and I always felt like not one type of person always has to play the role, (it) can be people of different shapes, creed, sizes, and I think all of us can see a little bit of ourselves in Hedwig ... I'm honored that I get to put my own stamp on it," Marshall said.

Working at The Electric Lodge in the leadup to the shows, the group was complementary about its Venice abode, thrilled to be able to bring "Hedwig" to the Westside.

"It's such a wonderful community, (it) almost reminds me of my high school theater in that there's such a community of people of all different ages and different people from different backgrounds," Boyle said.

Performances at The Electric Lodge will take place at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with a 3 p.m. matinee Sunday show, then following the same schedule next weekend. For tickets, visit Eventbrite or follow Season 10 on Instagram @season10stage.

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THEATER: Tyler Marshall stars as Hedwig in Season 10 Productions' "Hedwig & the Angry Itch," a role Marshall has wanted to play for years.

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