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Through high seas and small quarters, the USCGC Halibut provides certainty on the sea



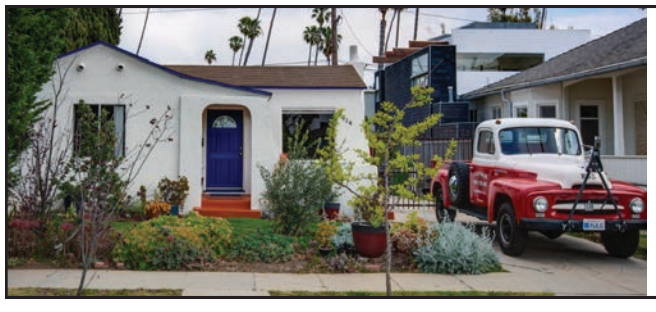
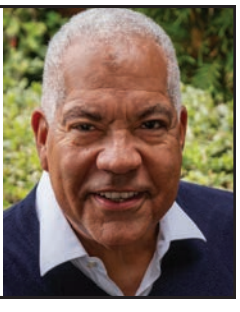
SOFIA LAUREL PIRRI
Special to the Daily Press

In the quickly dimming moments just after sunset, fiercely chasing a distress call, the USCGC Halibut finally reached a stranded commercial dive vessel off the coast of San Miguel Island. Fighting the escalating wind and waves as well as the looming encroachment of nightfall, the crew decided to tow the large vessel, which had damaged its propeller. Later that evening, both boats reached safe harbor.

Dramatic as it may seem, the ordeal was just another day at work for the 13 crew and two cadets stationed at the Marina Del Rey based USCGC Halibut.

One of four cutters (commissioned vessels with a crew) in the Coast Guard's Los Angeles Sector, the

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Halibut is tasked with patrolling the vast 300 mile distance from Morro Bay to Dana Point. On patrol, which lasts anywhere from two to four days, the crew listens for distress calls and keeps an eye out for evidence of illegal fishing, recreational boat violations, and smuggling — a responsibility particular to Southern California. Patrol also involves dispatching the small boat, an extremely heavy-duty lifeboat, several times a day to investigate the vessels they encounter.

"The Coast Guard is a unique military service that operates under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security with law enforcement, military, and humanitarian responsibilities," said the Halibut's commanding officer Lt. Mark J. Guentert. "We're here to enforce our Nation's laws at sea, save lives, and protect our coastline and ports."

Executing these goals can get intense. The Halibut's patrol area is not only 300 miles along the coast, but also 200 miles seaward.

"Trying to travel that distance in 6-10 foot seas, it can take a really long time," says Executive Petty Officer Nathaniel Fraze. "Especially if you need to get there quickly. You're slamming pretty hard, and things are flying off the walls, and we're running into each other because there's not a lot of space."

Space is certainly limited on the 87 foot cutter, which still manages to sleep twelve people. The Halibut's living facilities below deck include a single stall shower, a separate bathroom, and a small kitchen, where culinary specialist Officer Samuel Hawksley works his magic (today, lemon pepper chicken with salad).



Matthew Hall

LT. MARK J GUENTERT

Behind a metal door lies a minuscule space with two bunks that can barely even be called a bedroom. Lt. Guentert sleeps on the bottom, a foot away from a corded phone — which feels giant in the tiny space — so that he can be woken up at any time.

A narrow ladder leads above to the pilothouse, where large windows and an impressive array of instruments bring to mind the cockpit of an airplane. Only four people in the thirteen person unit are authorized to drive the cutter, after having undergone an extensive six month training period and an oral examination. Next to the navigator, a quartermaster stands watch in four hour shifts.

"Were you expecting a big wheel?" jokes the Lieutenant.

An old-timey captain's wheel would be out of place amid the rest of the boat's mostly digital technology. Executive Officer Fraze says, "The backup to the backup to the backup would be navigating on paper charts. It's kind of a dying art."

Down in the engine room, Engineer Chief Petty Officer Steven Dunn explains that the maintenance schedule is also computer-based. Technology tracks how long the engine has been running and lets the engineering team know when it needs a tune up. However, the 20 year-old boat needs constant maintenance — hourly when the engine is running — and the mechanical team must be vigilant.

"I'd rather it break when we don't need it, when we're not in the middle of a case, that way I know that it's going to function when we need it to," he said.

Engineers even have to memorize the wire runs and panels so that in the event of a fire or accident, they know exactly how to shut everything off.

While the high-tech machinery may keep the cutter running, it is the crew's evident companionship that holds everything together.

"This is another family," says Chief Dunn. "Everyone would take the shirt off their back to help another crewmate."

A father of five married to another Coast Guard member, Dunn knows a thing or two about the relationship between family and service. He took the position on the Halibut to be near his wife, but the assignment ended up working out well professionally for both of them. Dunn mentions, however, that he would have prioritized family over position if it had not. It is clear he holds the same strong sentiment for his family aboard the Halibut.

"I've been doing it for 20 years, and small crews are my favorite. The whole crew is the core crew," he said.

Chief Dunn's fellow engineering crewmate, Assistant Engineer Petty Officer Emily Helterhoff, will be transferring in July, and he compared her departure to his own son's recent graduation. "I'm not looking forward to it."

The Halibut's crew members have become remarkably close despite the short three-year tour length, two years for the Commanding Officer. Their camaraderie becomes evident as the crew lines up for a photo on the bow, joking and chuckling amongst themselves. Officer Hawksley, the culinary specialist, adopts a silly stance and makes a crack about his pose.

"We try to have fun sometimes," says Executive Officer Fraze wryly when asked about a volleyball on board. If the crew has some time before patrol, they head over to the beach for a quick game.

Between the highly desirable location of Marina Del Rey and the unique merits of a small crew, the Halibut is a top pick for officers ranking their assignment choices. The cutter's relatively small crew size means a much more hands-on experience. Crewmates have the valuable opportunity to train in all sorts of duties, even those outside their focus — engineers have the opportunity to help with navigation and vice versa. On a larger ship, the duties are much more separated.

Commanding Officer Lt. Guentert has seen his share of diverse duties in the service. He previously served on a Coast Guard Cutter in the Arabian Gulf and when his two-year tour of duty on the Halibut ends in July, he will transfer to the Coast Guard headquarters in D.C.

He will miss the dedication of his current crew.

"Really what it comes down to is that the vast majority of the people in the Coast Guard want to be in service and be a part of something bigger than themselves," he said.

Their recent mission escorting the hospital ship USNS Mercy at the beginning of the pandemic provided the crew with a tangible sense of accomplishment in that regard.

Lt. Guentert also remarks on his crew's ability to adapt to challenges, whether those challenges are being separated from family or dealing with brutal weather conditions out at sea, like during their recent mission towing the commercial diving vessel.

"I am on the tail end of my tour here, and the absolute best part has just been working with the people on board. I am extremely proud of and thankful for each and everyone one of them," he said.

So how does a young coast guard get assigned to the highly desirable Halibut?

The long answer: coast guards can rank their assignment choices by either position, location, or experience, and most of the crew put the Halibut at the top of their list.

The short answer, according to Executive Officer Fraze: "You pray."

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CREW: The crew of the USCGC Halibut spend long hours in small spaces while they patrol over 300 miles of the California coast.

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Encampment 1600blk 19th St 6:39 a.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 1400blk 9th St 7:09 a.m.
Construction Noise 500blk 7th St 7:29 a.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 7:29 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Main St 7:34 a.m.
Burglary Report 600blk Wilshire Blvd 7:34 a.m.
Encampment 1900blk The Beach 7:36 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2200blk The Beach 7:38 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk The Beach 7:38 a.m.
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Kids on the March: A Conversation with Michael G. Long. Saturday, July 17 / 2 to 3 p.m. Author Michael G. Long chronicles 15 moments in history when teen activists stepped into the spotlight to make change in their world. Teens 14-18 are invited to discuss the activists or movements that have inspired them to raise their voices and change the world. The first 25 registered attendees will receive a free copy of the book. Register here: bit.ly/kidsmarchsmpl.

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Santa Monica Reads Special Event: Voices from COVID's Front Lines: A Healthcare Workers Panel Discussion. Saturday, July 10 / 2 p.m. At this virtual event, panelists Jill Ruiz Carreon, a Ward Clerk Transcriber who provides nursing staff support at Kaiser West LA; Dr. Dinora B. Chinchilla, a board-certified UCI Health Pulmonary Specialist; and Lindsay B. Call, MPH, Santa Monica's COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Director, discuss healthcare and resiliency during COVID-19. Register here: bit.ly/2QP08GI

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Saturday, July 17 at 11:00 a.m.

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Main Library Book Group Discussion: The Red Tent by Anita Diamant. Monday, July 19 / 7 to 8:30 p.m. Join a community-led online discussion of Diamant's acclaimed novel, which imagines the life of one of Jacob's daughters from the Old Testament. To register, email jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov.

Introduction to Mindful Meditation. Monday, July 19 / 7 to 8 p.m. Instructor Heather White-Laird discusses mindfulness, a secular form of meditation, benefiting health and wellbeing. In the second of three-monthly sessions, simple tools will be provided to allow you to continue practicing

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Habitat for Humanity struggles with high construction costs

ALEXANDRA JAFFE
Associated Press

Vice President Kamala Harris asserted Friday that the Biden administration had made progress tackling a migration spike that's drawn fire from Republicans and made fellow Democrats uncomfortable. Her first trip to the U.S.-Mexico border as head of the Biden administration's response is being closely watched on all sides.

Visiting El Paso, Harris called the situation at the border "tough" and said more work is needed.

She met with five young girls, ages 9-16, who had been held at a Customs and Border Protection processing center after crossing the border, the White House said, before visiting the border itself at the Paso del Norte Port of Entry.

"We inherited a tough situation," Harris said during a meeting with faith-based organizations, as well as shelter and legal service providers.

She added: "In five months we've made progress, but there's still more work to be done, but we've made progress."

The vice president has faced increasing criticism from members of both parties for deferring the trip until now and for her muddied explanations as to why.

"It was always the plan to come here, and I think we're gonna have a good productive day," Harris said after arriving into El Paso.

Republicans have seized on the absence of both Harris and President Joe Biden from the border to paint the administration as weak on border security, seeking to revive a potent political weapon against Democrats for the 2022 midterm elections. With former President Donald Trump visiting the area less than a week after Harris, Republicans will be watching the vice president's visit closely for fodder they can use in political attacks.

Other administration officials have made multiple visits to the border, but the absence of Biden and Harris has left some Democrats worried that damage already has been done. There's concern that the Biden administration has ceded the border security debate to Republicans.

"The administration is making Democrats look weak," said Texas Democratic Rep. Henry Cuellar in an interview with The Associated Press. "I've heard, from Democrats and Republicans in my area, what the heck is going on with this administration?"

Cuellar's district spans from south of San Antonio to the U.S.-Mexico border, and last year he won reelection by the slimmest margin of his nearly two-decade-long career. While he says he's not worried about his own reelection, he adds, "I worry about my colleagues."

Biden's first few months in office have seen record numbers of migrants attempting to cross the border. U.S. Customs and Border Protection recorded more than 180,000 encounters on the Mexican border in May, the most since March 2000. The numbers were boosted by a coronavirus pandemic-related ban on seeking asylum, which encouraged repeated attempts to cross because getting caught carried no legal consequences.

Republicans have seized on those figures to attack Biden and Harris as weak on border security, a message the GOP used with success during the 2020 campaign.

Administration officials, including Harris, have sought to refute the charge, with Harris repeatedly sending the message to migrants during her recent visit to Guatemala: "Do not come."

But those comments drew fire from some progressives, most notably New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez, who called the message "disappointing."

It was an incident that underscored the political no-win situation for Harris, taking on an intractable problem that's bedeviled past administrations and been used by both parties to drive wedges and turnout during campaign season. If Biden chooses not to run for a second term, Harris will be seen as the leading contender to replace him, and the immigration issue could become either a chance to showcase her accomplishments or an albatross.

Indeed, Republicans preemptively hammered Harris over her border visit, with Trump claiming credit for her decision to go.

Harris advisers have been careful to emphasize that her main focus is addressing the root causes of migration. She has been seeking economic and humanitarian solutions to improve conditions for residents of Central and North American countries who flee to the U.S. Her aides framed her trip to the border as part of an effort to better understand how to solve the problem.

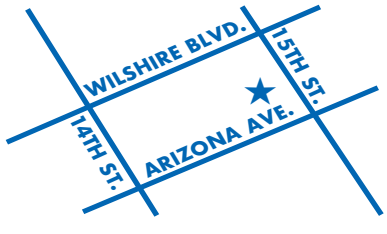
Harris was being joined on the trip by Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, Illinois Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin and Democratic Rep. Veronica Escobar, who represents the district there.

Mayorkas said the U.S. faced "significant challenges" back in March in securing the border but "we've made extraordinary progress" that he was hoping to share with Harris Friday.

Harris had no plans to visit the migrant detention facility at the Fort Bliss military post, which has drawn criticism from advocates who have described unsafe conditions and allegations of abuse toward some of the thousands of children housed there. Instead, Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra was set to travel there on Monday.

Democratic Rep. Cuellar called the

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Mystery Book Group Discussion: The Long Call by Ann Cleeves. Tuesday, July 20 / 7 to 8 p.m. When a man with a distinctive tattoo is found murdered in North Devon, Detective Matthew Venn is forced to return to the evangelical community of his childhood to uncover deadly secrets. To register, email karen.reitz@santamonica.gov.

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Citywide

Santa Monica Announces the Inaugural Members of the New We Are Santa Monica Fund Advisory Board

The City of Santa Monica announced the appointments for the newly formed We Are Santa Monica Fund Board. The seven-member advisory board focused on the We Are Santa Monica Fund, a donor advised fund (DAF) managed by California Community Foundation (CCF). The City Manager appointed members include:

Jessica Aronoff, Chief Operating Officer, Cayton Children's Museum, Santa Monica resident.

Stacey Capoot, Major Gifts Fundraiser, National Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Santa Monica resident.

Nancy Coleman, Social Services Commissioner, retired foundation and nonprofit program manager, Santa Monica resident.

Ken Grouf, Entrepreneur, CEO of Swoop, Santa Monica resident and business owner.

Jason Lin, Entertainment and Finance, Story Arch Pictures, Santa Monica resident and business owner.

Ben Preston, Environmental Scientist and Policy Analyst, RAND Corporation.

Rhoda Weiss, PhD., Consultant, Rhoda Weiss, Inc., Santa Monica resident.

"Santa Monica is a fortunate City to have so many devoted and highly experienced residents that care deeply about our community and want to be involved. Even as the state reopens, full recovery from the impacts of the pandemic linger and there are real needs in our community that require funding support to survive," said Interim City Manager Lane Dilg. "We are eager to work with the advisory board to lay strong foundation for the fund. Santa Monica's future is bright, and Public Private Partnerships is one of the paths towards recovery and ensuring our community can expand support to non-profits that deliver essential services to our community."

The We Are Santa Monica Fund was established at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic to provide a pathway for the community to donate emergency goods, services, and monetary funds to aid recovery efforts. Consistent with City Council direction, CCF awards donations to eligible non-profits and emergency City services support in four areas, including:

COVID-19 Emergency Relief for Santa Monica Residents: Donations support efforts to address impacts of COVID-19 on Santa Monica residents including housing insecurity and food insecurity.

Business Recovery: Donations provide support to efforts aimed at recovery so Santa Monica businesses can continue to serve the community.

Black Agenda in Santa Monica*: Donations are a vehicle to support the Black Agenda in Santa Monica and citywide efforts to advance racial equity in our community. For general donations made without a support project selected, 10% will be used to implement the Black Agenda in Santa Monica. *At the direction of City Council, this area of support will be expanded for future donations to generate support for additional equity and inclusion efforts in the Santa Monica community.

Food Pantry at Virginia Avenue Park: Donations help serve those facing food insecurity in the Santa Monica community.

Between November 1 and December 31, 2020, community members contributed $1,153,145 to the We Are Santa Monica Fund. This impressive coming together of our community to support neighbors in need demonstrates the viability of the We Are Santa Monica Fund as a long-term tool to support the desire of community members to give back locally.

The seven-member We Are Santa Monica Fund Advisory Board will advise the City Manager and conduct the following duties:

Establish bylaws for the new advisory board and select a chairperson and officers.

Share responsibilities for coordinating, planning, and conducting board meetings, including but not limited to handling meeting logistics, agenda planning and preparation, and recording meeting minutes.

Provide input on allocation of funds to non-profit community partners and community-focused programs and services.

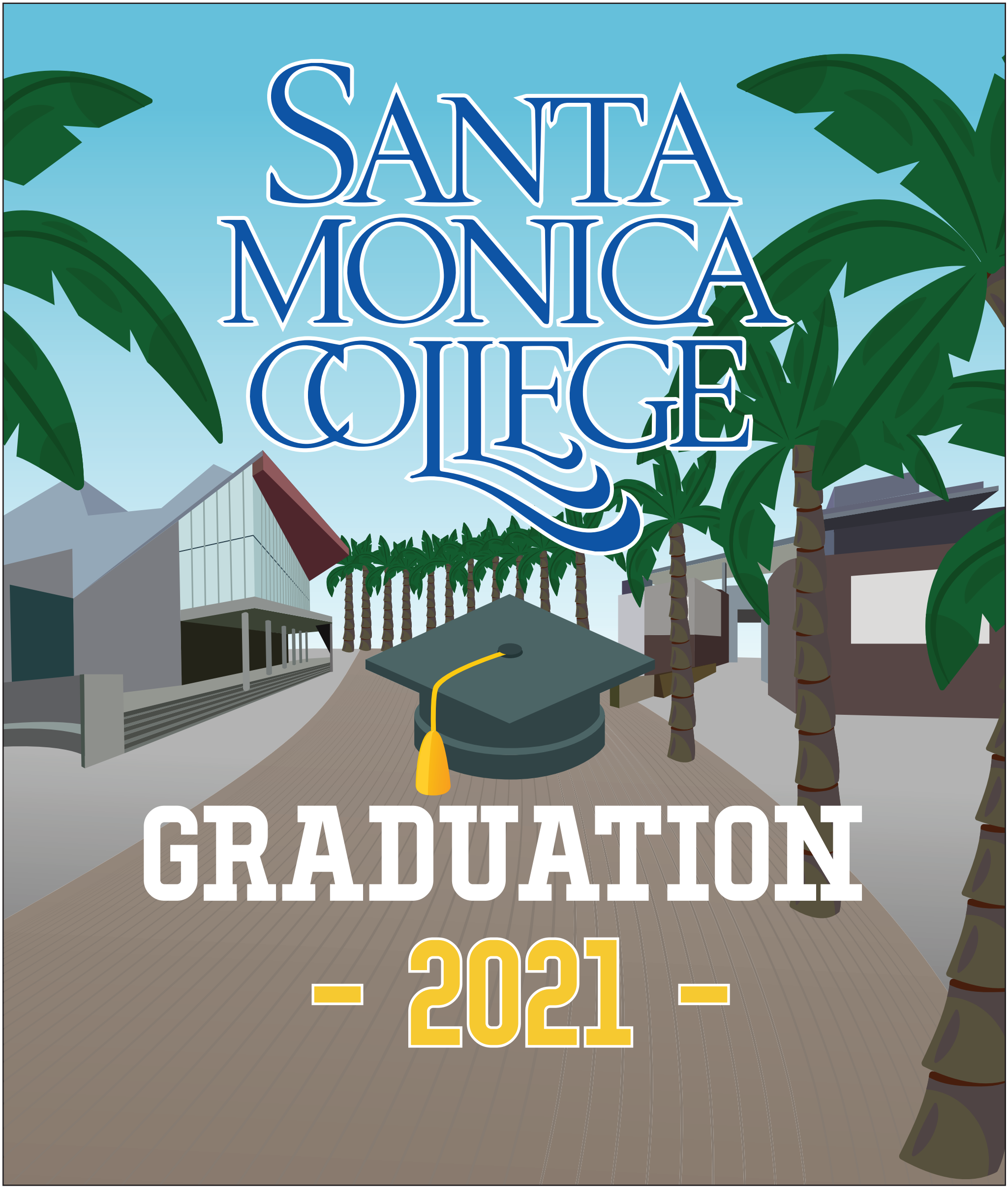
Enhance community and donor awareness of the Fund, consistent with fundraising restrictions and best practices for donor advisory funds (DAFs).

Guide the future of the advisory board and evaluate whether to transition from a DAF administered through CCF to an independent 501(c)(3).

For more information or to donate to the We Are Santa Monica Fund, visit www.calfund.org/WeAreSantaMonica.

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SANTA MONICA COLLEGE
GRADUATION
- 2021 -

Celebrating Student Success

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT DR. KATHRYN E. JEFFERY'S ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021

Welcome everyone, to this wonderful occasion: the 91st commencement exercise of Santa Monica College! This is our second virtual commencement, with our first held in June 2020 due to an international public health crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic. The United States and many other nations have made significant progress toward managing the pandemic, and we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. However, the need to still observe safety protocols and required distancing for large public events has made it necessary that we celebrate this special day, once again, virtually. This year we were delighted to be able to add a safely-conducted, in-person commencement activity: a drive-thru diploma event, which took place on Saturday, June 19. Nearly 1,000 graduates, their families and friends participated. We enthusiastically look forward to again celebrating in person the achievements of all SMC graduates!

The 2020-2021 academic year has been a landmark year for Santa Monica College. Transfer data from the University of California showed that SMC has been number one in transfers for 30 consecutive years to UC campuses. This is a record of which we are exceedingly proud—it points to the steadfast dedication of SMC professors and counselors, the care and commitment of classified professionals, managers and administrators; it also speaks to the talent, tenacity, and dedication of SMC students, not just those who are transferring to four-year colleges and universities but also those who will embark upon careers that will transform their own lives, the lives of their family members, and redefine this world in meaningful ways.

This is also a landmark year for SMC in yet another way: we celebrate the second cohort of students who, in the midst of a global pandemic, social and political upheavals locally and globally, and through a struggle for racial justice, have persisted and stayed the course. The following data underscore this fact:

- 8,131 degrees and certificates awarded to 5,135 students
- 27 Bachelor of Science in Interaction Design awarded (fourth graduating class)
- 4,306 Associate degrees awarded, including 1,474 Associate Degrees for Transfer
- The nine youngest graduates are 17 years old and graduate with an Associate degree. The oldest graduate is 94 and graduates with a Certificate of Achievement in Animation Foundation
- The graduating class is 62.5% female; 36.3% male; 1.2% unreported

To all the graduates and certificate recipients, you are awesome and amazing, you are excellence in the flesh! You are SMC! Congratulations! Congratulations, because you have persisted throughout one of the most difficult, fraught times in human history. Congratulations, because you stand poised on the brink of a moment filled with opportunities — opportunities to create a better way of living and co-existing with fellow human beings and the environment. Congratulations, because you — you—embody the resilience and power of the human spirit to triumph over hurdles of fear; self-doubt; sexism; gender bias; racial,



KATHRYN E. JEFFERY

cultural, political and religious divides. You have the potential and power to make the world truly a much better place.

Today's event is all about celebrating SMC's students. In addition to the graduates featured in the commencement program, we will have several videos of our graduates playing throughout this virtual event.

Each spring, the Santa Monica College Foundation awards scholarships to hundreds of students. This year, 930 scholarships totaling over $1.1 million have been awarded by the Foundation. I am pleased to share that 12 students received the SMC Foundation's highest award: The Carol H. and Kevin W. Sharer Scholarship for Education Scholarship. All 12 are transferring to a UC or CSU campus this fall and they demonstrated a clear career focus and planned employment path in a variety of fields including science, medicine, business, economics, and engineering. Congratulations to all of the Sharer Scholars, and to every SMC scholarship recipient! And a heartfelt thank you to our many generous donors and the SMC Foundation!

It is now my distinct pleasure to introduce Santa Monica College's 2021 commencement speaker. The Honorable Fiona Ma is California's 34th State Treasurer. She was elected on November 6, 2018 with nearly eight million votes, more than any other candidate for treasurer in the history of California. She is the first woman of color and the first woman Certified Public Accountant (CPA) elected to the position. In your programs, you will find a detailed bio covering Treasurer Ma's many accomplishments. Let me share just three highlights out of her bio: First, Treasurer Ma is the state's primary banker for California, the world's fifth largest economy. Her office processes more than $2 trillion in payments a year, oversees an investment portfolio of more than $124 billion. Second, in 2020, her office refinanced $6.2 billion of debt, creating a savings of $1.8 billion for California taxpayers. That was truly a noteworthy achievement. Thirdly, Treasurer Ma is no newcomer to the life of public service. Before being elected Treasurer, she was an elected member of the California Board of Equalization from 2015 until January 2019 and worked to protect the rights of taxpayers while ensuring California collected its fair share of tax revenues. She also served in the State Assembly from 2006-2012 serving as Speaker Pro Tempore for two of those years and passed legislation during the budget crisis to expand access to health care, protect education and the environment. And she served from 2002-2006 on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, working on many issues, including ending human trafficking in massage parlors. We are honored to have Treasurer Ma as commencement speaker and eagerly look forward to the words you will share with our graduates!

Thank you, Treasurer Ma, for sharing your journey and words of encouragement and empowerment. You are a role model of excellence. Thank you for your dedication to equity and public service.

Graduates: today we celebrate you and your accomplishments. Graduating students had the opportunity to upload short videos or photos to be used for a graduation tribute video that can be downloaded and shared on social media with family and friends. You may view the full list of graduate videos at smc.edu/graduation.

It is now time for me to confer degrees; an honor and privilege! Will the graduates please rise? Upon recommendation of the faculty, and by the authority vested in me by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees of SMC, I hereby confer upon you the bachelor's degree, associate degree, certificate of achievement, or certificate of completion.

As is academic tradition, students who have not yet earned a degree wear the tassel of their mortarboard on the right side. Once the degree is conferred, the scholar moves the tassel to the left side, thereby joining the a company of SMC graduates before you.

Ask a family member or friend to capture this moment for you on video and share it on Instagram using the hashtag "ProudToBeSMC." In recognition of your new status, I invite all our graduates to move your tassels to the left as your family, friends, SMC faculty and staff supporters applaud your outstanding efforts!

Ladies and gentlemen, family members and friends, I present to you the graduating class of Santa Monica College of 2021! (lead applause)

Graduates: Take a moment to savor your accomplishments. For those of you celebrating at home with your family and friends—in other countries around the world!—look around you. Please remember to express gratitude to those who supported your academic goal and helped you arrive at this culmination of your SMC journey. You have done it!

You now belong in the company of those privileged and fortunate to earn a world-class education, who have the tools to take this education and remake the world into a better place. Do not forget this moment, as you proceed on your educational and career journeys. Do not forget that within you lies the potential to break barriers, to persist, to fulfill your own dreams and those of others, too. Don't forget Santa Monica College—I hope you will always be "Proud to be SMC!" Congratulations, Class of 2021!

"With all the challenges of the pandemic, I think it's safe to say that no class of SMC graduates has exhibited more persistence and more courage to get to this point in our long history than this one. The spirit of SMC's class of 2021 will serve our graduates well in the long term as they go forward to pursue their dreams. Congratulations!"

Trustee Sion Roy

"SMC's 91st Annual Commencement was held virtually on June 25, 2021 for students, friends, and families all over the world. They heard congratulatory speeches including from our commencement speaker Hon. Fiona Ma, California State Treasurer.

This year SMC also hosted an amazing Diploma drive- thru event, where nearly 1,000 graduates drove thru the Bundy Campus with horns blazing joyfully as they picked up their diplomas.

Needless to say, we are Proud to be SMC."

Trustee Susan Aminoff, Ph.D.

"Huge congratulations to the thousands of SMC students who achieved a degree or certificate this year! Your flexibility, persistence, and determination have served you well. And congratulations too to everyone at SMC who also kept at it—figuring out how to help you meet the many challenges. Hooray for all of you. Now on to a brighter, safer future!"

Trustee Louise Jaffe

"The best aspect about serving as a SMC trustee is witnessing the positive impact SMC has on the lives of the students. Graduation is always a special time. This year's graduates have persevered through one of the most challenging times in recent history and have successfully completed the requirements for a degree and/or certificate. Graduates, we believe in you and celebrate your achievements."

Trustee Nancy Greenstein

Address to the SMC Graduating Class of 2020-2021

TAFARI ALAN, ASSOCIATED STUDENTS PRESIDENT

Dear Santa Monica College Graduates,

On the behalf of the Associated Students, I want to say congratulations: on graduating, on hanging on despite the challenges you've faced, and on making it through a year that no one could have seen coming. Your achievements are not limited to the excellence of your academics, or the depth of your extra-curriculars. For some of us, like myself, just hanging on was a huge achievement in and of itself. And look at that! You have made it through; now you may rest, heal, and rejoice. I hope you have heard this a million times already, but congratulations. The whole purpose of this event is to celebrate you; I hope no matter where you are—whether it is day or night—that you have the time to sit with yourself, your loved ones, and realize that you did it! Cliché, I know, but it is so true!

I spent a lot of time looking up "what a good commencement speech sounds like" and "top 10 most inspiring speeches"; for all the effort, I think what I learned was that it is an opportunity to commemorate taking a step in life that you all have been working hard for, and that it is also time to impart some sort of vision, some moral about how that next step goes. I'm going to be honest with you, I have no idea where you all are heading: As you can see, I have no cap to throw at the end of this. But what I do have is a brain; a presidential brain with very presidential thoughts that would like to share some presidential wisdom.



TAFARI ALAN

My presidential wisdom is as such: find love as it is all around us. Love resides in your community, your friends, your environment, it is everywhere! It is with such a love—for what surrounds us — that can push us to be better, to do better. Your environments may soon be changing, with new schools, new neighborhoods, and new people. Wherever you find yourselves, I hope you can find love in your new communities, and in turn that they find love in you!

That is my very optional advice, that you definitely don't have to take (wink, wink). Even if you don't know me, or I don't know you, know that I'm proud of you. I am proud to have represented you, and I am proud of what you will become!



Courtesy photos

GRADUATION: Nearly 1,000 graduates, dressed in regalia, many accompanied by family members, participated in SMC's first-ever Diploma Drive-Thru Celebration for the class of 2020-2021

A Year of Accomplishments at SMC

FINANCIAL AID

• Distributed Emergency Relief Aid for students in direct grants.

• 22,595 checks totaling over $12 million in CARES/HEERF emergency relief aid to 8,625 unduplicated students. (this is through last week; distribution is ongoing through Summer & Fall 2021).

• Over 3,500 students received grants totaling over $1 million from The Emergency Financial Assistance for Low Income Community College Students that was part of the state's 2021 Immediate Action Budget Package. And through the Chancellor's Office Disaster Emergency Fund for AB 540 students, the college distributed relief totaling $ 151,900, and for Respiratory Therapy students $5,500.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

• Implemented Equity-infused Distance Education professional development for all faculty, plus Distance Ed peer mentors for each departments.

• Curriculum approval of 700+ courses for Distance Education delivery during the pandemic.

• Awarded lottery and federal funds to support online teaching and student learning during the pandemic in a remote environment. For example: through technology and student kits.

• All Tutoring, Embedded Tutoring and Supplemental Instruction moved online.

• Established virtual Tutoring labs for Math and English with breakout rooms.

• Established calculator checkouts for students who need them.

COUNSELING

• Counseling services were more widely utilized than ever before since the pandemic started, and counseling staff are proud that they continued to be there consistently for students on video, by phone and by email.

• Comparing the year periods of Spring 2019- Winter 2020 to Spring 2020-Winter 2021 (which was almost exclusively online) observed a 10% increase in counselor contacts with students, despite not being able to see students in person — an increase of 12,132 more student to counselor contacts in Spring 2020-Winter 2021 period.

• Results from virtual counseling services satisfaction survey, which has been deployed in every term since they first moved to online services, said that students are largely satisfied with new virtual services. Over 85% of the 659 students surveyed responded rated their experience with our phone and video express counseling services as "good, very good or excellent".

• 93% of students rated their satisfaction with phone counseling appointments as "good to excellent."

• Most importantly, Black and Latinx students consistently rated all of their virtual counseling services (phone, video and email counseling) even more highly than the overall group of respondents. For example, 97.35% of Black and Latinx students indicated satisfaction with phone counseling appointments and 87% of Black and Latinx students rated their experience with our video counseling appointments as "good to excellent."

FOOD SECURITY

SMC's Office of Student Life along with the Associated Students Board of Directors (together with the SMC Foundation and other departments) led the way in developing programs that directly provided nutritious food and resources to students. Student success is largely impacted by health and nutrition.

Santa Monica College offered several programs to address food security needs by providing free food through Drive-Thru Food Pantry program (which served 200-400 students a week), delivering freshly made meals through the Meal Project, a partnership with Everytable (an organization that provides affordable, healthy meals at a low price in food insecure areas) that serves 700-1000 students weekly, and referrals to other resources such as Cal Fresh benefits and community food banks.

In addition to the above programs, SMC Foundation created a partnership with Impossible Labs, an organization that takes social issues that seem impossible to fix and makes them possible. This partnership established Hunger Not Impossible, which was a text-based meal service program that allowed students to text a number stating they were hungry and in return would receive a list of places in their area that they could receive a free meal from. Furthermore, the Food Security Program has taken on Dietetics and Nutrition interns from USC for the past two years to provide resources and guidance on how student can eat healthy on a budget and how to make healthy and nutritious food based on what is given to them from the Drive-Thru Food Pantry.

During the holidays last year, the Food Security team hosted a virtual Thanksgiving event for students who may not have had family or friends to visit, and SMC Foundation, along with the Basic Needs Workgroup put together a Giving Thanks(giving) event for over 1,400 students. (This was also a partnership with the City of Santa Monica and several community organizations). This event not only provided Thanksgiving food and meals for students, but even had a virtual chef-led cooking tutorial to show students how to prepare their Thanksgiving meals.

Lastly, they had a housing Peer Navigator, Sarah Fay from SPY (Safe Place for Youth) that provided housing resources and support to students. Recently they did an eviction rights workshop which provided information to students on their rights regarding eviction. Food security programs and events are supported by the Associated Students, Student Health Services, and the SMC Foundation.

HEALTH & WELLBEING INCL. MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES

The Center for Wellness & Wellbeing (CWW) served the entire SMC student population, and part-time therapists who work exclusively in special programs and the satellite campuses. Since the pandemic began last March, the Center has:

• Transitioned to a fully remote tele-mental health service model.

• Created a brief online appointment request form to streamline and expedite scheduling procedures.

• Increased campus-wide promotion of our 24/7 emotional support line, which has been utilized at a much higher rate by students in the last year than in previous years.

• Provided the 8-week class, Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR), known for being the "gold standard" of mindfulness programs, to SMC employees during the Spring 2020 semester. This was the 3rd time this class was offered to employees, but the first to be offered virtually. This virtual format increased the number of participants significantly Weekly drop-in mindfulness meditation sessions have been offered every Thursday to the entire SMC community.

• Specific presentations for students on the topics of pandemic grief on Zoom.

MENTORING PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS OF COLOR
MEN OF COLOR ACTION NETWORK (SUMMER/FALL/WINTER/SPRING SEMESTERS)

• A bright spot regarding the COVID-19 situation was the creation of the Men of Color Action Network (MOCAN) which consists of the faculty and staff from the Men of Color Mentoring Program in addition to other faculty and staff that decided to get more involved in supporting our students, faculty, and staff who identify as Men of Color.

• They collected information via surveys, from Men of Color SMC students which we shared with the senior staff and SMC Leadership. They raised over $1,000 and used the funds to provide $50 gift cards to students who attend three workshops during the semester.

HOMBRE A HOMBRE & BROTHA TO BROTHA WORKSHOPS (FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS)

• Hombre a Hombre & Brotha to Brotha are monthly workshops hosted by male counseling faculty from the Adelante Program and Black Collegians Programs. An overarching goal is to create community among men of color by meeting on a consistent basis throughout the year. During the monthly meetings, men discuss topics which include financial aid, relationships, and time management.

NOCHE DE FAMILIA – WORKSHOPS PRESENTED IN SPANISH

• Through Noche de Familia, SMC students and their parents attend workshops on how to best support their children while at



SMC. The presentations are provided in Spanish. The workshops include some of the of the following topics, financial aid literacy, the transfer process, and mental health. The workshops used to take place at JAMS middle school but now take place via Zoom.

SUSTAINABILITY:
HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM SUSTAINABILITY:

• Because many students were concerned about riding the bus and may have lost their jobs, staff at the Center for Center for Environmental and Urban Studies refurbished 20 bicycles and donated them to low income students to allow the freedom to commute to work, run essential errands, and get needed exercise. 30 more bikes are currently being worked on to meet the continued need.

• Earth Week and Sustainability Week both pivoted to being online events that each attracted 400-500 students who participated in Zoom presentations, environmental film screenings, and panel discussions.

• Instead of the annual Coastal Cleanup event, which usually attracts upwards of 500 volunteers on a Saturday morning to remove debris from our adopted beach, students were encouraged this year to do neighborhood cleanups on their own (or with roommates and family members). Heal the Bay reported an excellent turnout despite the restrictions from Covid19.

• Students who use the Big Blue Bus can now board using a touchless mobile pass on their smart phone. This makes the experience of riding the bus safer and faster since riders do not need to touch the card reader and can board quickly to keep the buses on schedule.

GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

• Worked with Los Angeles County to set up free COVID-19 testing site at Airport Arts campus.

• Worked with City of Santa Monica & LA County to prepare for a COVID-19 SMC vaccination site – at the Performing Arts Campus parking lot.

IT

• Provided drive-up WiFi access to students.

• Implemented remotely accessible Virtual Computer Labs.

• Provided free Adobe software to identified students.

• Provided PC laptops to students identified in need.

• Provided technology work-at-home kits for faculty and staff.

• Converted manual paper forms to Adobe Sign workflows for the work at home environment.

• Bought 4,000 chromebooks for distribution to students, faculty and staff who have technology challenges.

• Implemented online tutoring for STEM.

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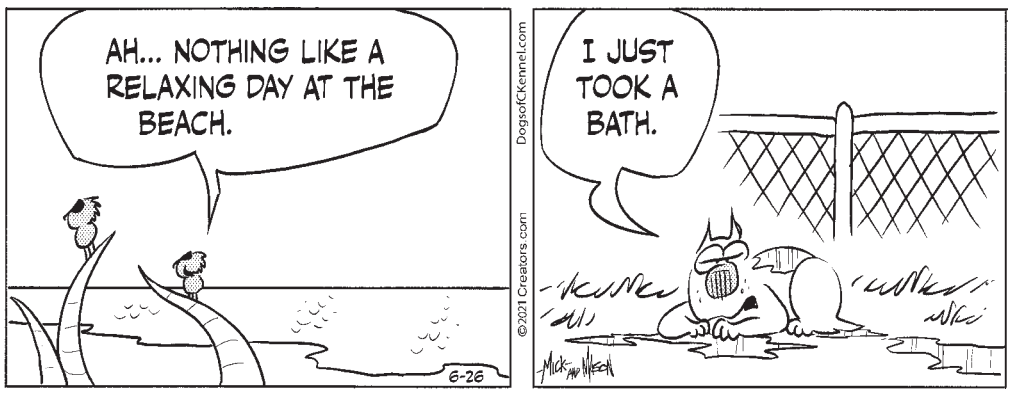
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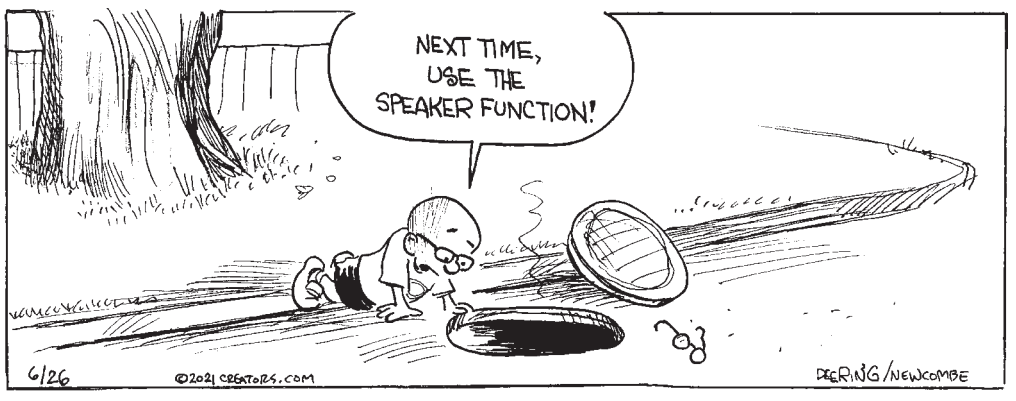
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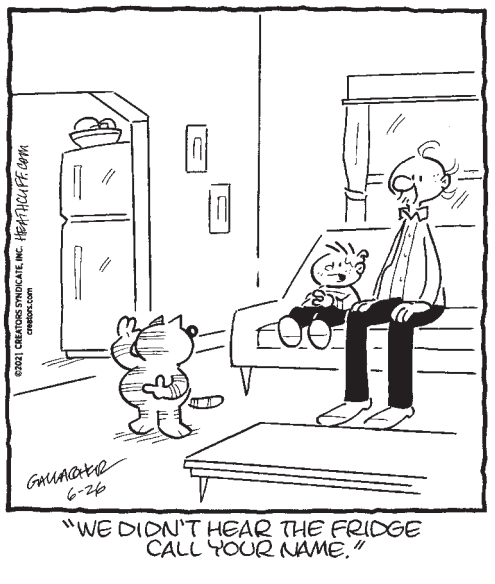
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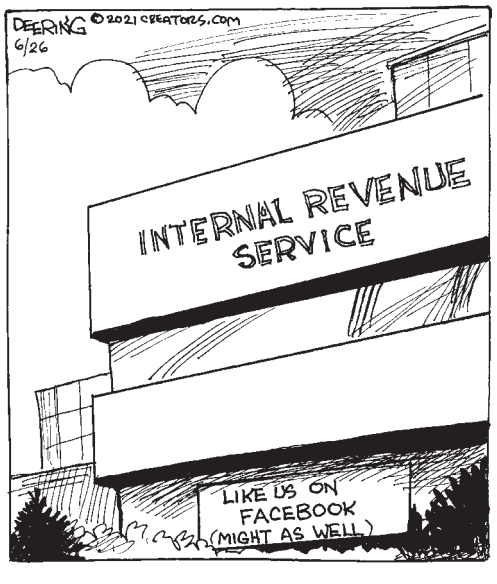
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Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 65.7°

SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Potential for some fun, peaky surf as WNW/NW swell builds and SSW swell continues. Light wind but drained out first thing, let the tide fill in some.

SUNDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Lingering NW swell blends with modest SSW swell. Peaky surf for combo spots. Light wind early but drained out on the low tide (especially at the points), will likely need to let it fill in some.

WEATHER

Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 76.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.
Sunday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 75.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2021/06/26	Sat	05:41 AM	-1.58	L
2021/06/26	Sat	12:19 PM	3.96	H
2021/06/26	Sat	4:48 PM	2.30	L
2021/06/26	Sat	11:03 PM	6.55	H
2021/06/27	Sun	06:29 AM	-1.25	L
2021/06/27	Sun	1:12 PM	4.00	H
2021/06/27	Sun	5:45 PM	2.44	L
2021/06/27	Sun	11:53 PM	6.00	H
2021/06/28	Mon	07:16 AM	-0.79	L
2021/06/28	Mon	2:06 PM	4.07	H
2021/06/28	Mon	6:48 PM	2.58	L
2021/06/29	Tue	12:46 AM	5.33	H
2021/06/29	Tue	08:03 AM	-0.25	L
2021/06/29	Tue	3:01 PM	4.18	H
2021/06/29	Tue	8:02 PM	2.66	L
2021/06/30	Wed	01:44 AM	4.60	H
2021/06/30	Wed	08:51 AM	0.32	L
2021/06/30	Wed	3:56 PM	4.36	H
2021/06/30	Wed	9:39 PM	2.56	L
2021/07/01	Thu	02:55 AM	3.90	H
2021/07/01	Thu	09:41 AM	0.88	L

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERball — Draw Date: 6/23
13 20 40 51 63
Power#: 1
Jackpot: 75 M

MEGA MILLIONS — Draw Date: 6/22
1 26 48 51 59
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 50 M

SuperLotto PLUS — Draw Date: 6/23
4 9 38 40 41
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 58 M

Fantasy 5 — Draw Date: 6/24
16 18 27 28 33

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EVENING: 4 3 6

Draw Date: 6/24
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Daily Derby — Draw Date: 6/24
1st: 02 - Lucky Star
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3rd: 07 - Eureka
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Your cosmic boon will be a rain of disruptive creativity that spills into relationships and projects, imbuing them with an epic quest-like feeling. Your tremendous powers of originality can be applied in so many ways, and, notably, you'll arrange your schedule and environment to honor your most interesting pursuits. Aquarius and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 4, 44, 38 and 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It is often the case when an artist creates a masterpiece that the inertia takes over and subsequently carries the action for a long stretch. A beautiful rut is still a rut. You are the artist. Stay active in the design of your life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Here come the unexpected stimuli and restraints. You roll with this sort of thing, having learned lessons in control long ago. Managing every little thing is a waste of time. Let it inspire you instead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's almost nothing you can successfully accomplish using just your mind today. Unless your body and spirit are involved, the thing will fall flat and prove unworthy of further attention.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Collaborate with everybody. Outsiders, insiders, customers, critics -- they all help to illuminate the task at hand. Brilliance is an emergent quality of diverse groups.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The thing that looks easy may have taken a person hours or years to create. This is something to keep in mind before you start the discussion, compliment, criticize or follow in kind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). "The future is here," said science-fiction writer William Gibson. "It's just not widely distributed yet." You'll aid in that distribution today with your forward-thinking contribution.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What people expect of you could have the effect of cheering you on. However, you probably feel more like those expectations are looming over you, nagging and negging you. This is a sure sign that you need a break.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Those moments, like a zephyr of mental chaos through your brain, can serve to energize you if you relax and let it blow through. It leaves little behind, but what does remain will be treasure -- a gift from the ether.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Why waste your time being disappointed at people who will never change when there's a whole world of go-getters out there waiting to help you with your next idea?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What's happening in an interaction is nuanced. The terms of the agreement aren't the real exchange; that goes unstated, involving a subconscious tender too raw for one or more parties to recognize or admit to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Gaming sharpens skills that will have real-world consequences. The game you thought was pointless is actually the entire point, only in metaphoric form and much plays out just as the game did.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've so many options that it would be easy to spread yourself too thin. To avoid that shortcut to burnout, decide what you need upfront and make sure those requirements are a top priority before you say yes to anything else.

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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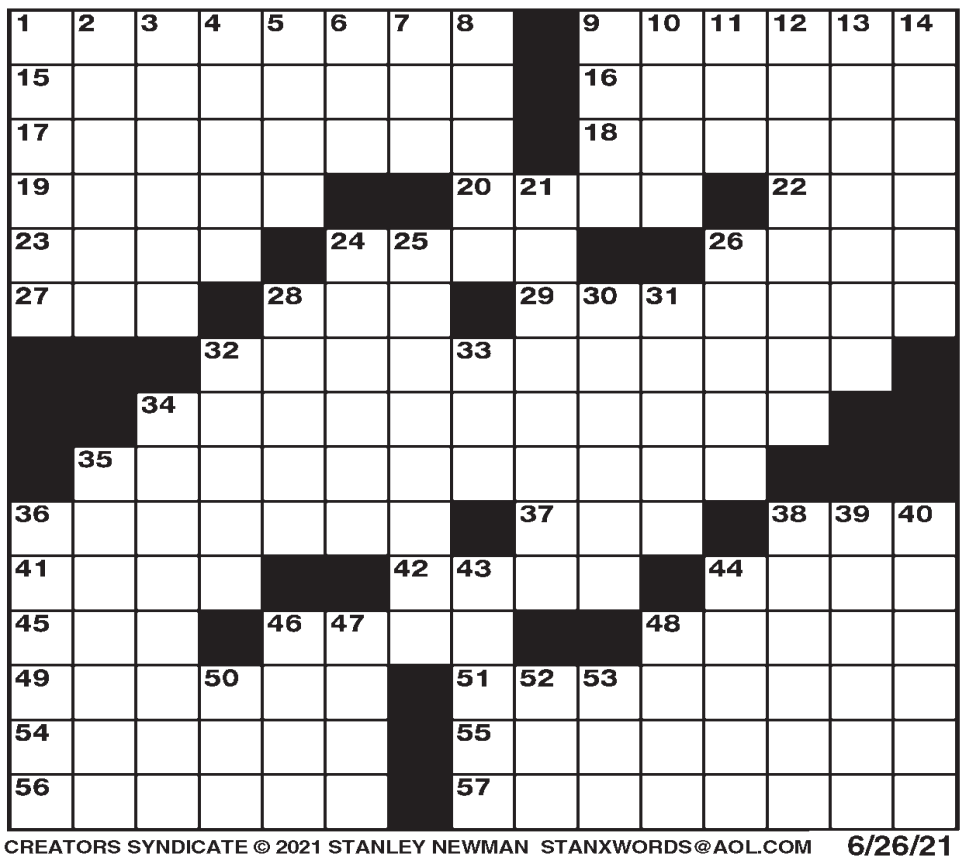
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Warner Bros. Feature Animation debut (1996)
9 Go-low guys
15 Under-wing taking
16 Brown bovine of Africa
17 It may be a quick hit
18 Father Time-like
19 Where essences are kept
20 Mars bar
22 Get __ (pass by far)
23 Venerable petrol brand
24 *That's Entertainment!* narrator with Bing, Fred, etc.
26 Hold back
27 Any craft
28 Way out there
29 That's amore
32 Pediatric subspecialty
34 Water east of Sinai
35 Rogues on the road
36 Former *Top Chef* judge
37 Breadth stat
38 Brown stat
41 Device with a door
42 Certain pennant winner's victory
44 #17 among *TV Guide*'s greatest cartoon characters
45 Drizzly
46 Solemn observance
48 Declining
49 Gives up
51 Back pages
54 Puts up
55 Where you can't text from
56 Austere
57 "Turn 'em on . . . when all hope is gone," per Elton John

DOWN
1 Devices above doors
2 Verb related to "penalty"
3 Chilling
4 It takes a bow
5 Noah Webster and classmates
6 Name of many Dutch painters
7 Legal __
8 Scheming co-conspirator of '50s TV
9 Mideast leader's nickname
10 The NYSE bought it in 2008
11 Waters source
12 New York town with Burgoyne and Victory neighborhoods
13 Chain created by Target's parent
14 Show favoritism?
21 "Whoa!"
24 Natural scrubbers
25 Unworldly one
26 They could use a cleanup
28 High-pitched protests
30 They're seen on Chef Boyardee cans
31 Heston Oscar role
32 British electronic music pioneer
33 To the rear
34 Organic dynamo
35 Prehistoric discovery
36 Less than sharp
38 . . . __, David, Theresa, Boris
39 Not being oneself
40 Top spots
43 Takes charge
44 Pre-presidential partner of '51
46 Where to work on commissions
47 Franklin in Phila.
48 Amalgamates
50 Lib __ (biblio-thecography)
52 Lentil cousin
53 Saddle, essentially



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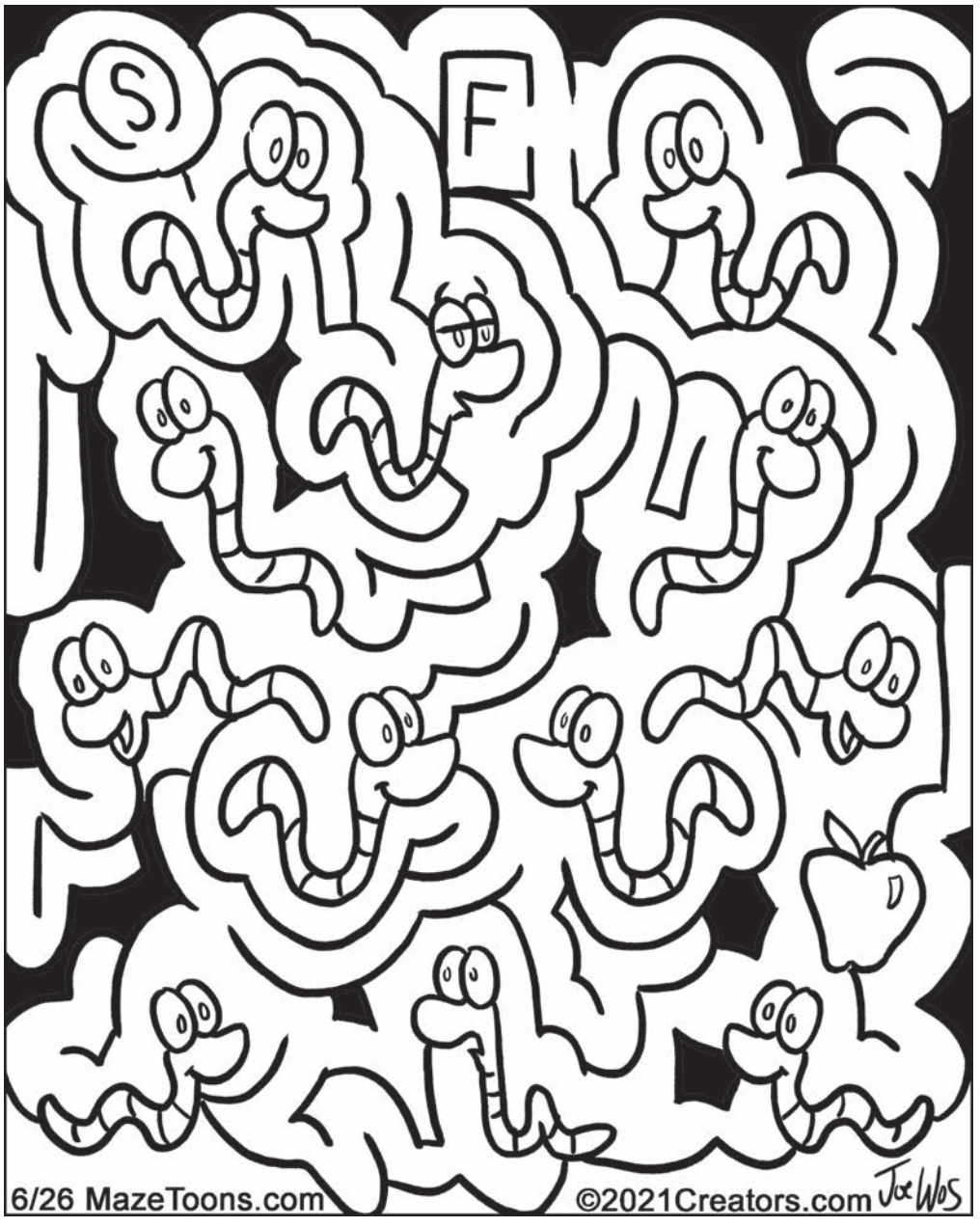
Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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Lawmakers seek to remove 'he' from state laws

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When California Gov. Gavin Newsom was searching for a new attorney general earlier this year, state Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan looked up the job requirements and made a surprising discovery: In many instances, the law assumed the attorney general is a man.

Sprinkled throughout the state code were references to "he" and "him" and "his" when referring to the attorney general and other statewide elected officials, even though Vice President Kamala Harris had been the state's first female attorney general and Eleni Kounalakis is the first woman elected as lieutenant governor.

That will likely change after the state Legislature passed Bauer-Kahan's bill Thursday to update laws governing statewide elected officials with gender-neutral terms. The bill now heads to Newsom, a Democrat, for his review.

"We have women serving in our highest offices, and the (sections) of the code referring to them only in the male pronoun was pretty shocking to me," said Bauer-Kahan, a Democrat. "It doesn't represent where California is and where California is going."

The bill is part of a long process of updating state laws and documents with gender neutral terms. Across the U.S., many states have required all new legislation to be written this way.

Minnesota did a complete statutory revision in 1986 to remove gender specific language, according to Mick Bullock, public affairs director for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

In recent years, California has passed laws allowing a third gender option on state driver's licenses, identification cards and birth certificates. Also Thursday, the Legislature approved a bill to allow people's gender to be recorded as nonbinary on death certificates, a major source of data for public health research.

A California law passed two years ago requires school districts to reissue high school diplomas to update peoples' names and genders if they are different since graduation. This year, lawmakers are considering a bill by Democratic Assemblyman David Chiu that would do the same thing for college diplomas.

But updating California's laws will take more time. Usually, whenever the Legislature passes a bill to change a law, it includes updated gender-neutral terms. But the state has tens of thousands of laws, so many that bound books — each with about 500 pages — fill an entire wall at the California State Library.

Bauer-Kahan's bill is an attempt to speed that process. In 2019, the Legislature updated family law to include gender-neutral terms.

Democratic state Sen. John Laird has a bill that would update gender references in laws governing various state agencies.

"It's important to do this work," Bauer-Kahan said.

CONSTRUCTION

FROM PAGE 5

decision by Harris to visit El Paso "politically safe," because, he said, most of the activity at the border happens farther south.

Trump said on Friday in an interview with the conservative outlet Newsmax that "I think she should go to the real part of the border, not a part of the border that's seldom violated."

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Harris chose El Paso because of that's where Trump announced some of his controversial immigration policies that Biden sought to roll back.

"It's a place that has a little bit of historic connection in that regard and it's an opportunity to draw a bit of a contrast with what we're trying to accomplish," she said.

Nonetheless the head of a major Latino civil rights group expressed concerns that Harris's visit was "a day late and a dollar short."

"It almost feels like they're being kind of forced into it by the local communities, as well as the Republicans' political attacks from the right," said Domingo Garcia, president of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

Still, Garcia also expressed optimism that her visit could help the Biden administration shift on immigration and show a contrast to Trump's hardline stance.

"They should own this, and they should solve it, because it does need a bipartisan solution," he said.

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