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Helping women's infertility struggles

Newport Beach's Dr. Sanaz Ghazal aims to put the experiences of her patients first.

BY SUSAN HOFFMAN

With National Infertility Awareness Week, April 18 through 24, approaching, one local doctor says her practice is doing its part by extending a helping hand and actively encouraging women facing fertility challenges to seek assistance.

Sanaz Ghazal, MD, FACOG, is the medical director and founder of RISE Fertility in Newport Beach, one of more than a dozen fertility clinics in the city. The double-certified fertility specialist (reproductive endocrinology and infertility as well as obstetrics and gynecology) attributes becoming a mother to helping make her a better doctor.

"Because of the connection, I understand on a deep level what patients are going through," Ghazal said in an interview this week. "I was in training before becoming a mother myself and prior to building my own family I went through my own experience to become a mother."

RISE Fertility officially opened this week to provide in vitro fertilization, egg freezing and fertility preservation, embryo transfer, intrauterine insemination, LGBTQ care, third-party options and genetic testing.

Ghazal, who was born in San Diego and grew up in Temecula, said she always knew she wanted to pursue a future in medicine and that it was women's health that most resonated with her.

She has an East Coast education, doing her undergraduate work at Harvard University before studying to become a doctor at the Yale School of Medicine.

Upon completing her fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility at Yale in 2015, Ghazal joined a large private fertility practice in Southern California.

"In 2019, after thinking about the struggles and challenges that infertility patients face, I came up with the concept of RISE Fertility and how I wanted to change the way fertility care is delivered and experienced," she said.

Ghazal said she chose the name

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A GROUP GATHERS in front of Whale Spa Salon Furniture on Friday holding a large banner as an airplane skywrites "No Hate" at the end of a "Nailing It for America" news conference in Huntington Beach. A benefit concert is planned April 24 with proceeds to fight anti-Asian rhetoric and violence.

Taking action to 'stop the hate'

Proceeds from an April 24 benefit concert will go to fight anti-Asian rhetoric and violence, as well as provide services for vulnerable members of the community.

BY MATT SZABO

The six letters were written by airplane about 11,000 feet above Huntington Beach on Friday afternoon.

Kien Nguyen looked overhead and smiled. "No Hate," the letters spelled out against the bright blue sky.

That's a goal for the Fountain Valley resident, 76, who is a grandmother of six. Nguyen said she paid for the airplane writing out of her own pocket to send that message.

"I'm not working now, I'm retired, but I still have a little bit of my savings," she said. "I can do it."

Now she can be proud that the local Asian-American community is going beyond just words to try to stop the anti-Asian hate speech and violence.

The air writing came at the conclusion of a news conference at Whale Spa Salon Furniture in Huntington Beach. Local volunteer group "Nailing It for America," which was co-founded by Kien Nguyen's son Tam, announced that it is joining with Grammy-winning Thuy Nga Productions to present a global benefit concert online.

The concert, designed to combat hatred against Asians, will be broadcast in coordination with VietFace TV from 5 to 8 p.m. on



KIEN NGUYEN, 76, right, receives a hug from her son Tam Nguyen, a "Nailing It for America" co-founder, before speaking during a news conference addressing #StopAsianHate to tackle anti-Asian rhetoric and violence.

Photos by Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

April 24. All proceeds will go to fight anti-Asian hate rhetoric and violence, as well as provide services for vulnerable community members via a fund through Orange County United Way.

The concert is called "We Must Look Up: Rising Above Hate With Love," the same name as a recent op-ed piece that Kien Nguyen wrote in Vietnamese. Donors can contribute at UnitedWayOC.org/stopasianhate in English, or UnitedWayOC.org/vn in Vietnamese.

Ted Nguyen (no relation to Kien), another co-founder of "Nailing It for America," said the organization has hosted 10 events like candlelight vigils and rallies in just the last three weeks.

"We're tired of it," Ted Nguyen said. "The awareness is important, but beyond the hashtag #StopAsianHate, we wanted to do something about it. We wanted to channel people's anger and frustration and fear into positive energy, so that we can get money to arm front-line workers, to protect our most vulnerable community members against hate. We want them to have all of the necessary resources that they need in order to protect their families, protect themselves and protect all of us."

Alison Edwards, chief executive of non-profit Orange County Human Relations, said at the news conference that hate incidents

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Marina collects fourth straight win

BY MATT SZABO

ANAHEIM — When the national anthem wasn't playing over the loudspeakers at Glover Stadium on Thursday night, some Marina High School football fans took it into their own hands.

They started singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" a cappella, finishing just in time before Marina's Dylan Keidel kicked off to start the Vikings' Big 4 League game against Katella.

Some traditions are old. When it comes to league titles, Marina wouldn't mind starting a new tradition after winning its first

league title in 33 years in 2019.

The Vikings will play for their second straight Big 4 League crown after finishing off a 21-6 win over Katella.

Marina (4-1, 2-0 in league) can clinch the outright title with a win at Segerstrom in its final game of the season on April 16.

Vikings coach Jeff Turley remembers the last time the teams played there, or at least tried to. The teams' league game in 2018 was delayed a day due to lightning, with Segerstrom winning the next day.

"It's going to be another tough one," Turley said. "We've got to go to their house. Hopefully, this

time there won't be any lightning."

The Marina offense provided the flash against Katella (2-2, 0-2). Senior quarterback Jack Miller threw touchdown passes to three different receivers — Dane Brenton, Gavin Del Toro and Wyatt McClour.

The first touchdown pass, to Brenton, came on the Vikings' first drive and was the longest play of the game for either team. Brenton was left wide open on the right side, and 67 yards later he was gone for a score.

Marina doubled its advantage late in the first half when Miller found Del Toro open on a 10-yard slant in the end zone, and took a 14-0 lead into halftime.

Katella got on the scoreboard when quarterback Donovan Arrington ran up the middle on a seven-yard keeper on the first play of the fourth quarter. But the Vikings immediately went on a 69-yard drive, capped when Miller hit McClour, the tight end, on a 10-yard score on fourth-and-goal with 6:50 remaining in the game.

That drive also featured a 46-yard bomb from Del Toro to Brenton.

"[Making] a one-possession game to two is a huge deal for us," said Miller, who passed for 170 yards and was also inter-

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THE INTERSECTION of South Coast Highway and Broadway Street in Laguna Beach. Traffic is currently reduced to one lane in each direction.

Overnight street closures planned next week in L.B.

BY ANDREW TURNER

A construction project to replace the box culvert on Coast Highway at Main Beach will bring full overnight street closures to Laguna Beach next week.

Traffic has been reduced to one lane in each direction because of the project, which is expected to be completed in late May.

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) officials said Wednesday that overnight street closures are anticipated for Tuesday, Friday,

April 16, and Saturday, April 17, with each closure lasting from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.

The Coast Highway closures will be implemented between Broadway Street and Ocean Avenue.

Traffic that approaches those streets will be redirected up to Beach Street, a map of the planned detour provided by Caltrans shows.

Updates on Caltrans projects can be found on the social media platforms Twitter, Facebook and Instagram using the handle @CaltransOC.

— Andrew Turner



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MARINA RECEIVER Dane Brenton (8) makes a catch and is off to the races for a touchdown in the Vikings' 21-6 win over Katella on Thursday.

AROUND TOWN

Seasonal workers wanted this summer for annual O.C. Fair

The OC Fair & Events Center in Costa Mesa is looking for workers to help put on the 2021 O.C. Fair, hiring a number of seasonal, part-time positions across several departments.

Jobs include building exhibits to ticket-taking to customer service in departments including parking, security and admissions.

Positions are also available for applicants interested in being a member of the maintenance team, landscape crew or janitorial group.

Applicants must be 16 years or older and be willing to take part in virtual interviews and orientations during this year's hiring process. Hiring has already begun with other start dates staggered toward the operating dates of the O.C. Fair, from July 16 through Aug. 15.

Perks include free fair admission with the option to purchase discounted tickets for friends and family members and the opportunity to win a fair employee scholarship. Employees must follow all COVID-19 safety precautions.

For more information, visit ocfair.com/

South Laguna Civic Assn. plans its annual meeting

The South Laguna Civic Assn. will hold its annual meeting on Monday at 6 p.m.

Several video presentations will be included in the Zoom meeting, which will focus on topics such as the preservation of parks, trails and open space, ocean protection and the impact of visitors to the community.

"We'll cover how [the South Laguna Civic Assn.] has addressed these matters and more during its 75-year history — what we have accomplished, and what we have not yet accomplished," Greg O'Loughlin, the president of the organization, said in a statement.

The meeting can be accessed online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81051506009>.

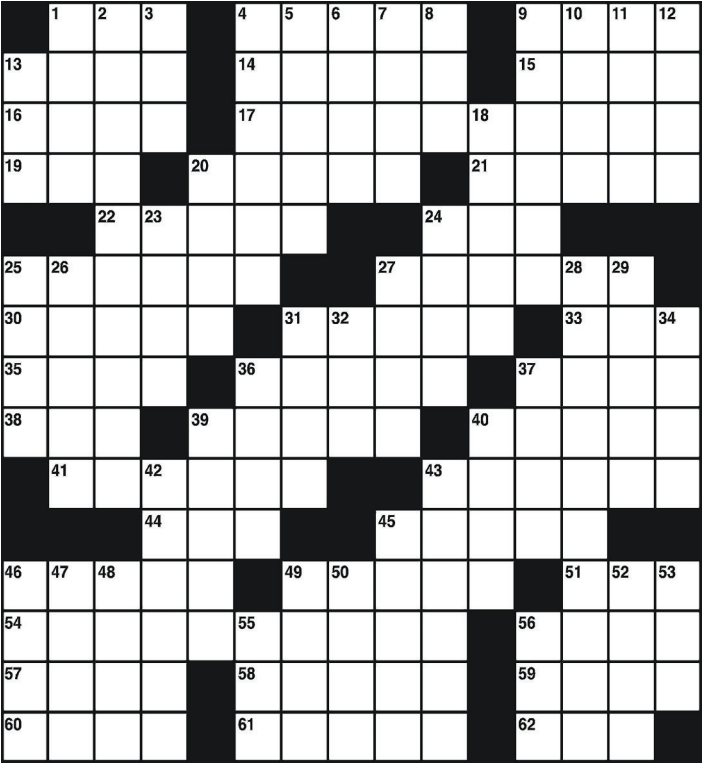
—From staff reports

THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS
1 "Ready, __, go!"
4 Explode
9 __ song; final performance
13 Give temporarily
14 Hi in HI
15 Musketeers or Stooges
16 Feedbag morsel
17 Rascals
19 Bit of cigar residue
20 Identity __; modern-day crime
21 Washer cycle
22 Theater attendant
24 New Testament bk.
25 Short fast runs
27 Halve
30 Potato salad ingredient
31 Eyeglasses, for short
33 "Caughtcha!"
35 Chew on, as a bone
36 Beef-lover's entrée
37 Personal web page
38 Maggie, to Bart
39 Dangerous fish
40 "__ porridge hot"
41 Give a job to
43 Wore a big smile
44 Rush
45 __-frutti
46 __ up to; challenged
49 Loses traction on the road
51 __ man; unanimously
54 Shielding
56 Farm newborn
57 Anise-flavored liqueur
58 Door hanger's piece
59 Owned by us
60 Pegs on the links
61 Peeved
62 Burro

DOWN
1 North & Aegean
2 Zeal



SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.

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

For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A3.

- 3 NFL scores
4 Festive parties
5 Reason to take Priosec
6 "Up on the __"; song for The Drifters
7 Close
8 Sunbather's reward
- 9 Try hard
10 Songbird
11 Needs medical help
12 Plane part
13 Mauna __; largest volcano
18 Do a morning task
20 After that

- 23 __ up; arrive
24 Singer
25 Boxers & beagles
26 Oakley or Potts
27 Bird's bill
28 Devastating
29 "All __ in favor say 'Aye'"
31 "__ Awake"; song from "Mary Poppins"
32 __ diem; daily
34 Like fine wine
36 Oxford or moccasin
37 Mixer speed
39 Go down smoothly
40 Teachers' favorites
42 Scrapbook contents
43 Moved over just a bit
45 Slight coloring
46 Name for a dog
47 __-blue; loyal
48 Leak out
49 Mix with a spoon
50 Hose problem
52 Doesn't have both __ in the water
53 Jolson & Roker
55 Fraternity letter
56 Actor Barrett
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