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CHEERLEADING



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MALEAH GAMBLIN, center, flies Dorsey Tran on her shoulders during Marina High cheerleading team practice Monday. The Vikings won their second straight CIF Southern Section competitive cheer title after winning the Division 4A crown.

Put another ring on it

The Vikings captured their second straight CIF Southern Section competitive cheer title on Saturday in Riverside.

BY MATT SZABO

The Marina High cheerleading team has had to overcome a fair amount of adversity this year.

It's a young team, with a sizable number of freshmen. And at Saturday's CIF Southern Section Competitive Cheer Championships at King High in Riverside, a fall occurred early in the Vikings' routine.

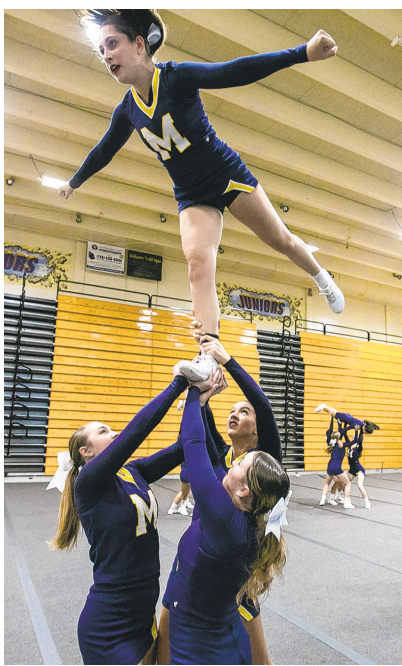
"It's just a matter of recovering," said Marina junior Kaylen Tran, one

of two team captains, who has the position of side base. "We just needed to leave that in the past and do the rest of the routine ... The energy on the floor was good, no matter how we felt about the fall."

The Vikings were rewarded for their perseverance.

Marina won the competition in Division 4A. It is the Vikings' second straight CIF Southern Section title.

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THE VIKINGS are gearing up for the CIF State Regional Cheer Invitational held at Mira Costa High this weekend.

THE MARINA HIGH

cheerleading team won its second straight CIF Southern Section title on Saturday.



Courtesy of Lexy Gutierrez

Garden Grove councilwoman announces bid against Steel

Kim Bernice Nguyen plans a run for the 45th Congressional District in 2024.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Kim Bernice Nguyen, a member of the Garden Grove City Council, will seek to take Rep. Michelle Steel's seat representing California's 45th Congressional District, she announced Wednesday.

Nguyen, a Democrat, is the first to announce her candidacy for the race in 2024. Following recent redistricting, the district spans parts of Los Angeles and Orange counties and includes Garden Grove, Westminster, Cerritos, Fountain Valley, Buena Park, Fullerton, Placentia and Brea.

Steel, a Republican, recently won her second term over Democratic competitor Jay Chen with 53.6% of the votes in the 2022 midterm elections, according to the Orange

County Registrar of Voters' Office.

Chen has not yet announced if he plans on running for office again next year.

"The response has just been overwhelmingly positive. I am so excited. People are hungry for this. People are excited to see me run. The joke is that I couldn't have been better made in a lab. I'm half Mexican and half Vietnamese," Nguyen said, laughing. "I think this is an excellent opportunity to unify the [Asian American Pacific Islander] and Latino communities to take back this seat and prioritize our voices. I tried to do that in Garden Grove, and I think we've made good progress."

According to the California Target Book, the voting population in the 45th district is 35.6% white, 23% Latino, 2.9% Black and 36.9% Asian.

Nguyen, 31, said while she encompasses a good

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Kalmick elected Bolsa Chica Land Trust president

The Huntington Beach City Council member replaces outgoing president Jennifer Thomas.

BY MATT SZABO

Dan Kalmick, who has served on the Bolsa Chica Land Trust board of directors for more than a decade, has been elected to serve a two-year term as the organization's president.

Kalmick, a member of the Huntington Beach City Council, previously served as the nonprofit's vice president and treasurer. A longtime civic activist, he served eight years on the city's Planning Commission prior to being elected to the City Council.

He replaces Jennifer Thomas, a local real estate agent who served nine



Scott Smeltzer

DAN KALMICK has been elected to a two-year term as Bolsa Chica Land Trust president.

years as the Land Trust president.

Kalmick said the Bolsa Chica Land Trust, founded in 1992 as an offshoot of the Amigos de Bolsa Chica, is in the process of moving away from acquisition and

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Fountain Valley climbing gym to host weekend yoga festival

BY SARA CARDINE

For experienced yogis, or those new to the practice, a festival this weekend in Fountain Valley aims to promote wellness while introducing participants to a gym focused on building an inclusive community where people can live, be and move.

The Yoga Movement Winter Fest takes place Saturday and Sunday at Fountain Valley Movement, a ropeless climbing gym

with a well equipped yoga studio and fitness center, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition to one-hour yoga classes with live deejayed music or sound baths, the festival will feature a massage, acupuncture, painting and slacklining provided by local practitioners and members seeking to share their passions with a wider audience.

Mitchell Kaufman, the gym's

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ABOVE: Do Nguyen, below, joins yoga program manager Mitchell Kaufman at Movement in Fountain Valley, where the Yoga Movement Winter Fest takes place Saturday and Sunday. **LEFT:** Kaufman and Eliza Romero demonstrate an acro yoga pose at Movement, a ropeless climbing gym with a yoga studio and fitness center.

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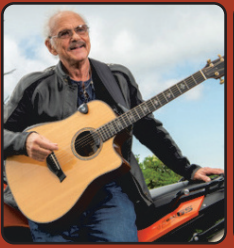
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WED, FEB 8
LEO KOTTKE



THU, FEB 9
BODEANS



SUN, FEB 12
JESSE COLIN YOUNG



THU, FEB 23
ACE FREHLEY

- 1/26 **ORIANTHI**
- 1/27 **40 OZ TO FREEDOM (SUBLIME TRIBUTE)**
- 1/28 **ROBERT CRAY**
- 1/29 **HERMAN'S HERMITS FEATURING PETER NOONE**
- 2/3 **DESPERADO (EAGLES TRIBUTE)**
- 2/4 **DESPERADO (EAGLES TRIBUTE)**
- 2/5 **HIGHERGROUND (STEVIE WONDER TRIBUTE)**
- 2/8 **AN EVENING WITH LEO KOTTKE**
- 2/9 **BODEANS**
- 2/10 **ARETHA STARRING CHARITY LOCKHART**
- 2/11 **OTTMAR LIEBERT & LUNA NEGRA**
- 2/12 **JESSE COLIN YOUNG**
- 2/16 **THE GILMOUR PROJECT AN ALL-STAR BAND PERFORM PINK FLOYD'S "THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON" 50TH ANNIVERSARY**
- 2/17 **LED ZEPAGAIN (LED ZEPPELIN TRIBUTE)**
- 2/18 **JOURNEY USA (JOURNEY TRIBUTE)**
- 2/19 **THE FOOZ FIGHTERS (FOO FIGHTERS TRIBUTE) / BLINK 180TRUE (BLINK 182 TRIBUTE)**
- 2/23 **ACE FREHLEY**
- 2/24 **JOHN TESH - BIG BAND LIVE**
- 2/25 **DENNIS TUFANO / CANNIBAL AND THE HEADHUNTERS**
- 2/26 **YASMIN WILLIAMS**
- 3/1 **ARTIMUS PYLE FORMERLY OF LYNRYD SKYNRD**
- 3/2 **DAVE ALVIN & JIMMIE DALE GILMORE AND THE GUILTY ONES**
- 3/3 **WAR**
- 3/4 **THE GARTH GUY (GARTH BROOKS TRIBUTE)**
- 3/5 **SONNY LANDRETH W/ CINDY CASHDOLLAR**
- 3/8 **THE WHEELAND BROTHERS / OF GOOD NATURE**
- 3/9 **ALBERT CUMMINGS**
- 3/10 **JD SOUTHER ALL THE HITS. SOME OF THE STORIES.**
- 3/11 **THE SMITHEREENS WITH GUEST VOCALIST ROBIN WILSON**
- 3/16 **HOT CLUB OF COWTOWN AND TYLER HILTON PERFORMING ELVIS PRESLEY'S SUN STUDIO RECORDINGS**
- 3/17 **THE FENIANS**
- 3/18 **SERGIO MENDES**
- 3/19 **GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA**
- 3/23 **PETTY CASH (JOHNNY CASH & TOM PETTY TRIBUTE)**



FRI, FEB 24
JOHN TESH



WED, MAR 1
ARTIMUS PYLE



SUN, MAR 5
SONNY LANDRETH



THU, MAR 9
ALBERT CUMMINGS

- 3/24 **SUPER DIAMOND (NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE)**
- 3/25 **GENE LOVES JEZEBEL / BOW WOW WOW**
- 3/26 **BIG MOUNTAIN**
- 3/31 **BEATLES VS STONES - A MUSICAL SHOWDOWN**
- 4/6 **COLIN HAY ACOUSTIC / LAZIO**
- 4/7 **G. LOVE & SPECIAL SAUCE**
- 4/8 **WILD CHILD (THE DOORS TRIBUTE)**
- 4/15 **THE 5TH DIMENSION**
- 4/16 **HERMAN'S HERMITS FEATURING PETER NOONE**
- 4/28 **SKELETON CREW (GRATEFUL DEAD TRIBUTE)**
- 4/29 **CREAM OF CLAPTON**
- 5/2 **BETH HART (ACOUSTIC DUO)**
- 5/3 **MORGAN JAMES**
- 5/12 **QUEEN NATION (QUEEN TRIBUTE)**
- 5/19 **JOHN CAFFERTY & THE BEAVER BROWN BAND**
- 5/21 **LET'S HANG ON! (FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS TRIBUTE)**
- 6/3 **JUDY COLLINS**
- 6/9 **AL DI MEOLA**
- 7/22 **Y & T**
- 7/29 **KIDS OF CHARLEMAGNE (STEELY DAN TRIBUTE)**
- 8/18 **SPYRO GYRA**
- 8/19 **MADELEINE PEYROUX**



SAT, MAR 11
THE SMITHEREENS



SAT, MAR 18
SERGIO MENDES



SAT, JUN 3
JUDY COLLINS



FRI, JUN 9
AL DI MEOLA

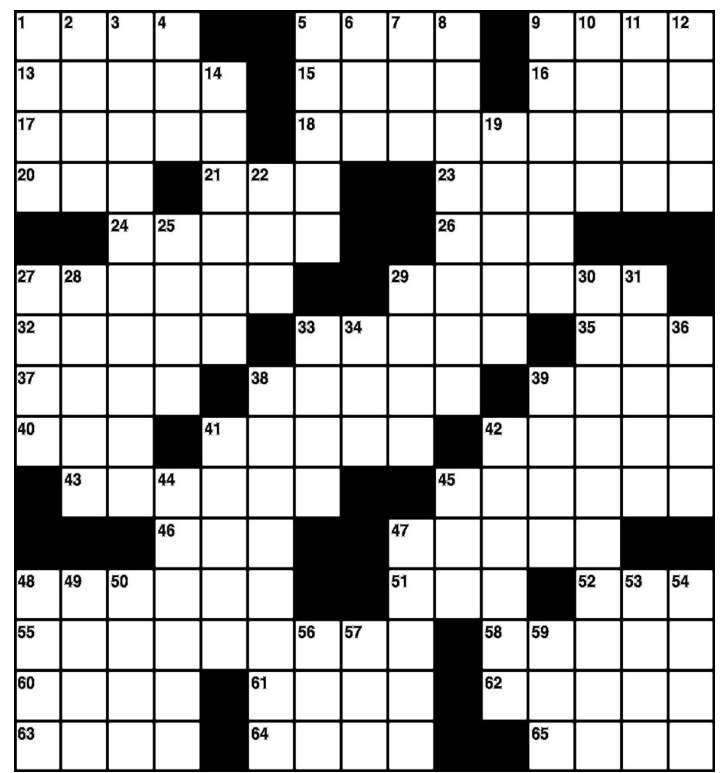
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS

- 1 Smile
- 5 Suffix for do or suit
- 9 "And not only that"
- 13 Turner & others
- 15 College official
- 16 Conceited
- 17 Two quartets combined
- 18 Like permanent ink
- 20 Itty-bitty
- 21 Fuss and bother
- 23 Cuts of beef
- 24 Bookworms
- 26 "America's _ Talent"
- 27 Ritzy residence
- 29 Tendons
- 32 BBQ rods
- 33 Cuckoo
- 35 Linden, for one
- 37 Experts
- 38 Pond scum
- 39 Shabby nightclub
- 40 Hankering
- 41 On _; in the spotlight
- 42 Web surfer's stops
- 43 Shun
- 45 Spirited horses
- 46 In the _; naked
- 47 One of the planets
- 48 Large antelope
- 51 Grow old
- 52 Cake ingredient
- 55 Pausing



For answers to the crossword, see page A4.

- uncertainly
- 58 Sky's color
- 60 Escape
- 61 Pliers or saw
- 62 Disguises
- 63 MMXXIII, for one
- 64 "Certainly!"
- 65 Bothersome person
- 9 Operate a plane
- 10 Lovable retrievers
- 11 Sandy sediment
- 12 Tip jar bills
- 14 Begins
- 19 Wacko
- 22 FDR, HST, _ , JFK
- 25 Chows down
- 27 Get a glimpse of
- 28 Wild activity
- 29 Like peas in a pod
- 30 Home for Jill & Joe
- 31 Rescued
- 33 Talon
- 34 Tractor trailer
- 36 Not as much
- 38 James and Rod
- 39 Count calories
- 41 Layered rock
- 42 Brook
- 44 Lunar "dimple"
- 45 Droop
- 47 Bird of prey
- 48 Doubtful
- 49 Stag party attendee
- 50 Sincere request
- 53 Aggravates
- 54 "Judge not, _ ye be judged"
- 56 Part of a vowel list
- 57 Neither's partner
- 59 Heat in the microwave

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GARDEN GROVE
Councilwoman Kim Nguyen stands next to the Edna Park bridge in Santa Ana. She announced this week she will be running for California's 45th Congressional District in 2024.

Don Leach | Staff Photographer

BID

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portion of the racial demographics that make up the district, she is "hyper-focused" on the issues — among them housing, education and healthcare. "I think people are excited to see a young person step up to the plate. I'm not rich; I can't self-fund. I live the [same] everyday experience as these residents. I was a renter up until last year and it was close to impossible to live in my own district that I represent as a councilwoman," she continued. "Growing up as I did, all of my experiences combined are so far and wide and are relatable to the people in this district and I am hoping they will entrust me to represent them in Congress." Nguyen was elected to the Garden Grove City Council in 2016. She previously ran for a seat on the Orange County Board of Su-

pervisors in District 2, which includes Santa Ana and parts of Anaheim, Garden Grove, Orange and Tustin, but lost to Vicente Sarmiento, who garnered 51.7% of the votes. Asked why she announced early, Nguyen said she felt it was important to get her name out front and center to build support. "I'm not delusional. [Steel] is a force to be reckoned with, but so am I ... I know how much I can walk, how much call time and how invested I am in this seat, and I'm ready to go, roll up my sleeves and get to work," Nguyen said. Republican Party of Orange County chair Fred Whitaker did not respond to a request for comment, but Democratic Party of Orange County chair Ada Briceño said Wednesday the district is important and the party would need to work hard to see it flip in its favor. "I'm very excited to see the Democrats that are lining up to run for that seat. I

have a lot of respect for Kim Nguyen and the work that she has done," said Briceño. "I know there are other candidates as well that are going to be announcing, running, and I'm looking forward to seeing the field and rooting for everybody on our team." In a statement, Steel campaign spokesman Lance Trover said Steel's voting record revealed "common sense solutions, putting people before politics and being a strong voice against the D.C. status quo is why she receives support from Republicans, Democrats and Independents." "Southern California voters know her record of fighting for lower taxes, standing up to China and ensuring everyone has a shot at the American dream is why she was resoundingly reelected in 2022 and will be again in 2024." lilly.nguyen@latimes.com Twitter: @lilibirds

PRESIDENT

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preservation of the Bolsa Chica Wetlands toward restoration and upkeep. "That's really what the mission is slowly moving toward," he said. "There's really not much left that is not protected. ... There's no property out there that's left for development, so as we move away from that, we need to work on restoration. "We've effectively completed its first goal, which was preservation of all of Bolsa Chica. Now we're in that time of how do we do maintenance, and finding dollars to maintain and provide tours and docent work and education? We still run a bunch of school kids through Bolsa Chica. We provide funding for busing for a bunch of ele-

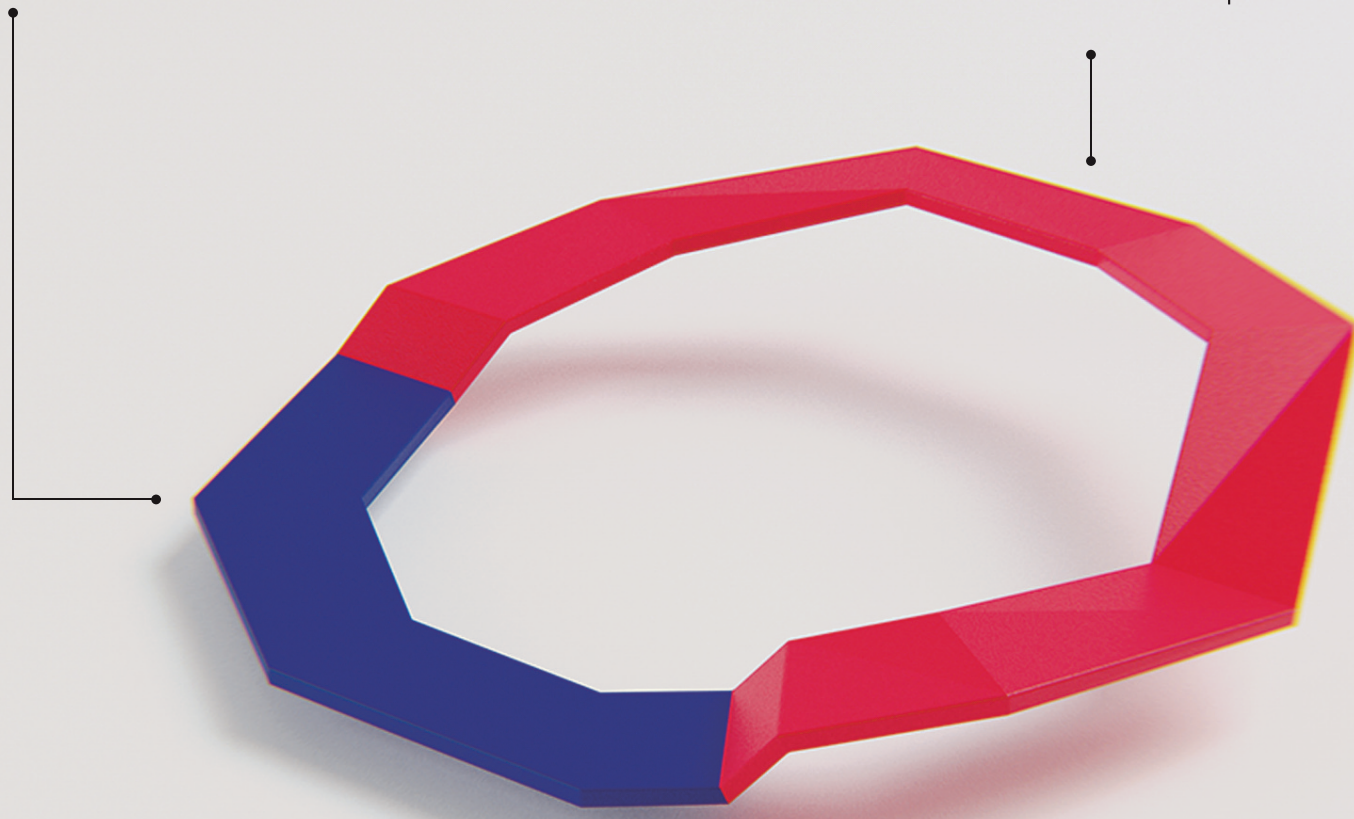
mentary and middle schools to bring the kids out to Bolsa Chica [as part of the 'Miracles of the Marsh' program] and take them on tours." Kalmick said the Land Trust recently used Proposition 1 grant money to fund a study to look at the tidal inlet north of Seapoint Street. The inlet opening gets silted up, so it needs to be dredged. "There wasn't continued funding from the state for the \$1 million to \$2 million to dredge that opening," he said. "We need to keep that tidal inlet open, because it creates a lot of bird habitat. Once it got open, an enormous number of birds came back to Bolsa Chica and it was a great watershed moment, pun intended." According to the state Department of Fish and Wildlife, more than 200 avi-

a species have been identified at the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve. Thomas, the outgoing president who remains on the board, said she is proud of the work the Land Trust has done during her time. "Not too many Realtors are probably into not building homes, saving areas," she said. "If it didn't get saved, I honestly think there would be a harbor out there with a bunch of luxury high-rise apartments or hotels. I don't think that would be a very good thing. Once something's gone, it's gone." The Land Trust board also reelected Vice President Roberta Armstrong, Secretary Marinka Horack and Treasurer Jeff Rokos, each also to two-year terms. matthewszabo@latimes.com Twitter: @mjszabo

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